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Dear Village Resident,

We are pleased to present you with the first edition of our Village Newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with information about what's happening in the Village and the daily doings of our community.

I hope this will be an excellent source. While it is important that the Village use this newsletter to share information with residents, it is also important that you, our residents, use this source to know the business and happenings of the Village. The information in this newsletter will include the services the Village offers, the Village history, and our many events and attractions. I hope you will take advantage and use it to generate ideas and recommendations for improving our Village and community.

As you drive or walk around the Village, I'm sure you have noticed the many changes occurring throughout our community. Changes such as the new businesses. The Firehouse Tavern replaced The Hub. Many thanks to Bob Kruzicke for his many years of service to our community. Hibbard's Ice Cream is a welcomed addition to Wilson, as is the Wilson Lodge. Soon the long awaited Woodcock Brothers Brewery will open. The school year has begun, and you may have noticed our new crossing guard, Elaine Bergman. Beginning in October, we will be eliminating most of the dumpsters in the Village. They will be replaced with 95 gal. containers for businesses.

In addition, changes to Krueger Park are ongoing. The new Welcome Center and Dog Park are underway. Recently Marjorie Bajorek, whose grandfather and uncle donated the land to the Village for the park, commented how happy her grandfather would be with the Welcome Center and Dog Park. "He loved baseball, but he always wanted the park to be used by everyone."

The Department of Public works has completed a much needed sidewalk from Lake Street to Krueger Park. Soon you will see a new crosswalk on Route 18 at Lake Street. The NYS Department of Transportation has agreed to install the crosswalk and new signage to ensure the safety of our residents. Special thanks to our grounds crew, Merle Wiltse and Bob Zastrow, who have worked tirelessly to keep our parks and community looking good.

We are awaiting approval of a New York State Main Street Grant which will provide a half million dollars to improve our businesses on Young Street. This will give our "Main Street" a new look with new building facades and street improvements.

Our sewer treatment plant is undergoing a series of improvements. While the plant is 26 years old, very few improvements have been made to keep it fully operational. The project is being overseen by Nussbaumer and Clark Engineers with our resident engineer, Ryan Smith, spearheading the planning and engineering in conjunction with the WWTP employees, Brian Seefeldt and Shawn Galyen, and Superintendent of Public Works, Keith Dixon. Over the next year, the facility will undergo major updates complying with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regulations. Our goal is to continue to apply for Federal and State funding to help offset the cost of these improvements to our community.

While this newsletter does provide a lot of information, we can always help you with more specific inquiries or concerns. Please contact the office at 751-6764. Both Ellen and Ann will be happy to assist you. If you have concerns that they cannot answer, contact me at 238-5968.

A special thanks to Elaine Bergman, editor and chief of this publication, who jumped on board and got this edition to print.

We look forward to serving you and we welcome your participation as we strive to combine our progress with our heritage. We hope we can be successful at being a Village of Vision.

Have a wonderful Fall season,

Bernie Leiker

Deputy Mayor

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WATCH WILSON GROW

Maybe you have noticed something new at Krueger Park as you drove by. The Wilson Welcome Center is near completion. The Welcome Center is the latest Community Beautification Project from Watch Wilson Grow.

Each year the Board of Watch Wilson Grow dedicates a project to the Wilson community. Jeanne Kerwin, president of WWG, and Keith Dixon, Superintendent of Public Works, put their heads together and devise a project for the WWG and the Village to work on together. WWG, with matching funds from the Business and Community Enhancement Grant through Niagara County Department of Economic Development funded through the Bridge Commission, picks up the costs of materials while the Village contributes to the construction and coordination of the project. The idea of the Welcome Center is to provide a location to have information regarding events in the Wilson area and be a great place to stop and relax. It will also act as an official entry point for future events at Krueger Park.

Built to resemble an old trolley stop, Norm Hershberger, a skilled contractor from our local Amish community, was tasked with the planning. The details of the post and beam construction required the mortise and tenon joinery and cutting to be completed in Ohio. A fellow Amish contractor had the equipment and know how to perfectly cut each piece so that it could be assembled on site. Reminiscent of old time barn construction, The Wilson Welcome Center will set the tone for future projects at Krueger Park.

Watch Wilson Grow has gifted a new project every year since its beginnings. Former Mayor, Jerry Dean, and Jeanne Kerwin with a team of dedicated residents began the tradition of "Do what you can to make our Village a better place" in the summer of 1999.

WILSON COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CHARITY, INC.

The WCEC had another busy summer season. The 27th Annual Wilson Salmon Run 5K had 158 runners in June. In July, Disco Duck entertained concertgoers at Clark's Park, and the Brady family hosted a Sliders and Sushi party to showcase Linnea's Pool & Swim School. The 10th anniversary of Harbor Hoops saw 79 teams compete.

In August, many enjoyed the Movies in the Park series at Clark's Park. On August 19th, 592 runners came out to run in memory of Sarah Johnson at the iWacko Memorial 5K Run. Jamie Lepsch and Zach Moxham spearheaded the event which raised over $20,000 to benefit the Johnson family.

All of the fundraising done by the WCEC supports their main mission, Linnea's Swim School. The school offers free swim lessons for all of Wilson's children. Under the direction of Will Clark, this year's program provided swim lessons for 241 children during four sessions. Linnea's Swim School also provided adult water aerobics classes every day.

The Board of Directors for the WCEC are Walt Moxham, Marge Clark, Elaine Schlosser, Jamie Moxham, Maryanna Bull, Larry Elia, Diane Magoon, and Kevin White.

NEW BUSINESSES

The Hub Hotel has been purchased by Sue and Russ Jackman and been renamed THE FIREHOUSE TAVERN. It has both indoor and courtyard dining & bar services and is open from 10am - 2am Mon.-Thur., 10am-3am Fri. & Sat., and 12 noon - 2am on Sun.

THE WILSON LODGE at Lake and Young Streets is owned by Jamie O'Donnell. It has upper and lower suites with decks which can be rented nightly or weekly. For more information and photos, go to thewilsonlodgeny.com or call 561-322-6771.

CHAMPION GRAPHICS, 251 Young Street, opened for business on Sept. 10 in the Book Harbor store. Owners Joyce Banagis and family will continue to sell out their inventory from the Book Harbor through Dec. 31. Their newest business will be able to silk screen all types of apparel and yard signs as well as put vinyl graphic lettering on cars, trucks, and boats. It can also embroider names and crests on any clothing. The store will have a retail section with school spirit wear and Wilson logo paraphernalia and postcards. Hours are Mon.-Fri. from 9am-4pm. Call 751-2089 for more information or to place an order.

WOODCOCK BROTHERS BREWERY at 638 Lake St. is planning on opening for business in late fall. There are five stores available for rent. The three stores currently scheduled to open for business are a hair salon, a specialty shop with flavored olive oils, and a gift shop with brewery and wine trail items. Call 957-6625 for more info or to rent one of the other spaces.

HIBBARD'S FROZEN CUSTARD opened for business in the Village of Wilson on Memorial Day weekend.

WILSON LAKESIDE HARDWARE, owned by Carl Hill, opened in April at 323 Young Street. Hours are: Mon -Fri 8 -6, Sat. 8-4, and Sun. 10 – 2. Call 751-6067 for all your hardware needs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- St. John Episcopal Church's Rummage Sale will be on Oct. 5th from 9-4 and Oct. 6th from 9-12.
- The Wilson Fire Hall will have a Gun Raffle on Oct. 7th at 1:00. Tickets are $20. Doors open at 12:00.
- Wilson Community Pharmacy will host a flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic on Oct. 8th from 2-6pm. No appointment is necessary. Bring your insurance card or cash. Call 751-0140 for info.
- Star Gazing will take place at Krueger Park on Oct. 13th at dusk.
- St. John Episcopal Church will have their Applefest on Sun., Oct. 21 from 10:30-3:30. There will be food, crafts, baked goods, and a basket raffle.
- The Wilson Fire Hall will feature 97 Rock's Rob Lederman at "A Night of Laughter" on Oct. 25 at 7:45pm. All proceeds will benefit the Johnson family. Cost is $15 presale and $20 at the door. For tickets, call Kristin Tubo at 433-1648.
- The Sunset Grill will have an adult Halloween party on Sat., Oct. 27th from 6pm-3am. A $5 cover charge includes snacks and appetizers. There will be an outdoor cash bar and fire pit, a costume contest with a $500 1st place prize, and music by Jonesie from 9-1
- The Motorcycle Dice Run to benefit the N.F. Fire Department's Toy Fund will start at 11:00 at The Firehouse Tavern on Oct. 28th. Registration begins at 10:00. Cost is $20 per driver and $10 per rider. Halloween costumes can be worn.
- Trick-or-treating in the village will be on Oct. 31st from 4-7pm. The Lions' free Halloween parade and party will take place afterwards at the Wilson Fire Hall at 7pm.

NOVEMBER

- The Garden Gate will have its Holiday Open House on Nov. 3rd & 4th from 10-5. There will be Christmas ornaments and decorations, unique gifts, and floral designs for sale. Schulze Winery will have free wine tastings on both days from 2:00-5:00 pm.
- Wilson Free Library will have a Used Book Sale on Sat., Nov. 3rd from 10-4.
- Wilson Community Pharmacy will hold a flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic on Nov. 6 from 2-6pm.
- St. John Episcopal Church will have a Chicken & Biscuit dinner on Nov. 6th beginning at 4pm.
- The Wilson Fire Hall will have a Turkey Raffle on Nov. 11th at 1pm. Doors open at 12:30. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.
- Wilson Community Pharmacy will host an Open House for post mastectomy women on Nov. 14 from 12-4. Diane Russell, a certified mastectomy fitter, will offer fittings and the latest in breast forms and bras. Gifts and refreshments will be available for all the women who attend the event.
- Hope for Joy, a benefit for Joyce Hess, will be held at the Wilson Fire Hall on Nov. 17 from 2-8. There will be a pasta dinner from 3-7 and a basket raffle with a live auction. Free admission.
- The Wilson House will be serving Thanksgiving dinner from 12-7 on Thurs., Nov. 22nd.

DECEMBER

- Wilson Free Library's 3rd Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will take place on Sat., Dec. 8th from 11am-3pm. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at the library or Garden Gate.
- A Very Country Christmas will be held on Sun., Dec. 9th from 3-6pm at various churches and businesses in the village. It will feature hayrides, craft making, a coloring contest, movie, and food.
- The Wilson Fire Hall will sponsor a free children's Christmas party on Sat., Dec. 15th at 1:00.
- A community Christmas celebration will take place at 5pm on Sunday, Dec. 23rd.The location will be announced at a later date.
- The Wilson House will have a New Year's Eve party with dinner and live music on Dec. 31st until the Lil' Apple Drop at midnight.
- The Lil' Apple Drop will be held at the Wilson Fire Hall parking lot on Dec. 31st at 9pm after a family New Year's Eve party with favors, dancing, and karaoke. There will also be a ball drop at midnight.

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- The Wilson Community Food Bank will be open to the community on Nov. 13. It will be housed in the the small chapel at the back of St. Brendan on the Lake from 4-8pm on Tuesdays. To volunteer, call Janet Hoffman at 751-0165.
- A dog park is being constructed in the southeast corner of Krueger Park. Betty Haag is raising money for fencing and an agility course.
- A portable skateboard park was installed this summer in the First Baptist Church parking lot. It was funded by the donations from the Lakefest fundraiser. There was a DSwag skateboard tournament on Sept. 7 in memory of Dennis Ash.
- Wi-Fi on Young Street has been suspended for the season.
- The concrete staircase on the northwest end of Young St. will be repaired soon.
- Leaves can be picked up if they are placed in bags separate from garbage bags. They can be put out to the curb any day for pickup by the Village truck. You can also call 751-9431 to schedule a Village truck to be dropped off at your home overnight or for the weekend to fill up with yard debris. (NO rocks or building items.) The truck will be picked up on the next business day.
- Due to snowplowing, there will be NO parking on any public street or in the central commercial district between 2am and 7am from Nov. 1-April 15.
- Village Law 139-8 says that it is illegal to shovel or plow snow onto the Village streets or sidewalks.
- Hedges must be trimmed so that they don't obstruct any sidewalks for pedestrians or near the street corners where cars will be turning. If they are not done properly, the Village of Wilson will charge the homeowner a fee to trim the hedges.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant is undergoing a $1.5 million improvement project. The roof has already been completed and the rest of the improvements should be finished by spring 2013.
- Wilson Community Pharmacy is offering the shingles vaccine, Zostavax. This vaccine is appropriate for adults ages 50 and older who have had the chicken pox. You will need a doctor's prescription. Most Medicare plans cover the vaccine with a low co-pay. Call 751-0140 to make an appointment.

BUILDING INSPECTOR NEWS

The Village of Wilson is trying to regulate the size, location, and visibility of the house numbers on residences and businesses. They should be a minimum of 3 inches high (NO script writing) and placed in the front of the building in order to be seen by emergency response units.

A reminder that you must have a building permit if you are making changes to your home or property. Call the Village office at 751-6764 to find out what type of permit is required.

RECYCLING

The village residents received their 65 gallon recycling bins in August. Collection services began on Aug. 29 and will be every other week on garbage day. Bins filled with paper, plastic, metal, and glass should be placed at the curb with the arrows on the lid pointed to the street.

OCT. 10 & 24 – NOV. 7 & 21 - DEC. 5 & 19

Electronics are no longer allowed to be put out with the garbage. Electronic recycling will be the first Saturday of the month from 8am-12noon at the Town Highway Garage by the water tower.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

This is a free life saving program sponsored by the NYS Sheriff's Association. You can either pick up a kit at the Village of Wilson office or visit www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot.

Fill out the two personal information cards with your medical details and picture. Put one card in the car's glove compartment and the other card in a clear plastic bag in the freezer. Then place a yellow dot decal on the rear driver's side window and another yellow dot decal on your front door. These decals will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in your car and your house.

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Trustee-Jerry Kadryna

Clerk Treasurer-Ellen Hibbard

Deputy Clerk Treasurer- Ann Stimm

Building Inspector - Nathan Vanderbeck

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Chief Operator, WWTP- Brian Seefeldt 751-9653

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For last year's words belong to last year's language.
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

Dear Village Resident,

As I look back on 2012, I am grateful for a community that shares and cares for one another. Our community faced both tragedy and triumph with heart and soul. We ended our year with the opening of the Wilson Food Pantry.

We can all be proud of what we have accomplished - TOGETHER. And now as a community, we look forward to the challenges of 2013. A new year and a new beginning.

At Krueger Park, the Wilson Dog Park is nearing completion. The dog park is scheduled to be ready for a Spring opening all thanks to the tireless efforts of Betty Haag. The Wilson Welcome Center continues to be a showpiece along the Seaway Trail, and this spring it will feature an information center to announce events and activities here in Wilson. Also, the Department of Public Works buildings will be freshened up with paint to put our best foot forward to tourists ond residents alike.

The long awaited opening of the Woodcock Brothers Brewery hos added the Village of Wilson as a destination to the Niogara Wine Trail. This, of course, is olreody bringing busloads of newcomers to our Village promoting all the businesses.
HOORAY FOR EVERYONE!!

By summer's end, our Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades will be complete making our plant compliant with all regulations from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

In the next few months, our community event coordinators will begin filling our calendar with all of Wilson's 2013 community events. Watch Wilson Grow, the Wilson Community Enhancement Charity, Wilson's Business & Professional Association, our community churches and many others will continue to create opportunities for Wilson to be the BEST that it can be.

Have a peaceful and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Bernie Leiker
Deputy Mayor

F.Y.I.

- Keith Dixon and his crew televised the inside of the sanitary sewer lines and were able to discover where the ground water was leaking into the 100 year old sewers. Eight manholes were rebuilt and 3 covers were replaced.

  Tips to Reduce Water Leakage:

  Put food coloring in your toilet tank. Wait 2 hours. If the food coloring ends up in your toilet bowl, then you have a leak. Make sure that the toilet shuts off after flushing it and that there are no leaking faucets.

- Villlage Law 139-8 states that it is illegal to shovel or plow snow onto Village streets or sidewalks.
- Due to snowplowing, there wil be no parking on any public street in the Village of Wilson between the hours of 2-7am from Nov.1st through April 15th.
- Village Law 102-3 states that it is unlawful for any person or group of persons to loiter at, on, or in a public place.. There must not be any interference with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and no obstruction, harassment, cursing, or threatening to do physical harm to another member of the public.
- Remember to check the batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.
- Wilson # 1 Fire Hall is looking to recruit new members. Call Bill at 957-6236 if you are interested in joining this volunteer fire company. They are also forming an Explorer Post for 14 to 18 year olds. Call 207-2100 for more information.
- Contact the Village office to get an absentee ballot if you are going to be out of town for the March 19th Village election.
- February is Dental Health Month and Kathie, a dental hygienist from General Dentistry, will be giving a dental health presentation for Kindergarten through Third Grade at Thomas Marks Elementary School.
- Lions Club phone books are being updated. Call Diane (751-9213) or Jim (628-8052) Muscoreil if you want to:
  Add or delete your name and address Put in your cell phone number Place an ad

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NEW BUSINESSES

DOWN ON MAIN STREET
291 Young Street 564-7662

Loura Maines is the new owner of the former Linda Lou's and plans to open on Jan. 1st. The restaurant will be open everyday for breakfast & lunch from 6am-2pm. Loura's specialties will include Italian soups and a variety of salads. She will also sell pints & quarts of sauce with either meatballs or sausage.

CANNING FACTORY ANTIQUES
608 Lake Street 628-2202

Steve Clark opened his antique shop on Dec. 8th. His store is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-5pm.

WOODCOCK BROTHERS BREWING CO.
638 Lake St. 333-4000

Mark & Andrea Woodcock and Tim & Debbie Woodcock opened their brewery/restaurant on Nov. 17th. They are presentlybrewing 4 kinds of beers. The bar has 36 stools and the restaurant has seating for 58 customers. Wood fired ovens are used for all the food preparation. The gift shop has t-shirts, poly pint glasses, growlers, and WBBC stickers for sale. Hours are Tues.-Thurs. 11-9, Fri. & Sat. 11-10, and Sun. 11-8.

LAKEFRONT OLIVE ORCHARD
638 Lake Street 333-4010

Maggie Mahar opened her store on Nov. 16th. She specializes in gourmet olive oils and balsamic vinegars. She also carries spices, gourmet olives, & specialty chocolates as well as gift bags & baskets. There are free tastings everyday. Hours are Wed., Thurs.& Sun. from 12-7 and Fri. & Sat. from 12-8.

HAIR STATION SALON
638 Lake Street 751-9177

This full service salon for men, women, and children opened on Oct. 2nd. Debbie Hayes and Lindsay Trunzo welcome appointments and walk-ins for haircuts, perms, foils/highlights, coloring and waxing. Hours are Tues. & Thurs. from 9-7, Wed. & Fri. from 9-5, and Sat. from 8:30-2:00.

R & R DOOR CORPORATION
3955 Wilson-Cambria Rd. 751-6736

Owner Ralph Grizanti is renovating the former bowling alley into a home improvement showroom. Besides garage doors & openers, he will also have siding, windows, and roofing displays. Hours are Mon. -Fri. 9-5 and Sat. 9-12.

SPOTLIGHT on HEALTH FACILITIES

WILSON MEDICAL OFFICE
335 High Street 751-3991

Dr. James Hohensee began his medical practice in Wilson in 1994 and opened his office at this location in 1996. Hours are Mon. 1:00—3:00, Tues.2:15-4:00, Thurs. 1:00-6:30, & Fri. 12:30-4:00.

GENERAL DENTISTRY
261 Young Street 751-9773

Dr. Michael Dick began his dentistry practice here 24 years ago in an office upstairs. Dr. Gregory Potempa joined the practice four years later. They are open every other Monday from 8-4, Tuesdays from 8-6, and Fridays from 8-4. They perform general dentistry, but can refer patients to oral surgeons and orthodontists when needed. New patients are always welcome.

ADVANCE CHIROPRACTIC
286 Young Street 751-3939

Dr. Donald Montelone has had a chiropractic and pain relief practice in Wilson since 1994. Besides back and neck pain, he is able to relieve headaches, carpal tunnel, and TMJ symptoms. Most insurances will pay for this treatment, and you do not need a referral from a doctor. He is open on Mon. & Fri. from 8:30-11:00 and Tues. & Thurs. from 2:30-6:00.

Karen Davies is a NYS licensed massage therapist . Some insurances will cover the cost of her $40 for a 1/2 hour or $60 for an hour sessions. To make an appointment, call her at 531-5540.

WILSON COMMUNITY PHARMACY
272 Pettit Street 751-0104

Leanne Haley Brown opened her pharmacy in October 1998 in the former Helpee Selfee Laundromat building. Besides being a pharmacy which accepts all insurances and offers a free delivery service, it is also a gift shop with greeting cards and Vera Bradley items.

The pharmacy sells durable medical equipment such as walkers, canes, and knee braces. It also has diabetic & ostomy supplies and homeopathic medicines & vitamins. It features a wide range of school supplies and make up. Diane Russell offers post mastectomy fittings. Blood pressure & blood sugar checks as well as shingles vaccines are available. Hours are Mon.- Fri. from 10-6 and Sat. from 9-1.

RECYCLING DATES :
JANUARY 3, 16, & 30
FEBRUARY 13 & 27
MARCH 13 & 27

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

9th-Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

16th- Exploring Christian Themes in Western Art class at 7pm at St. Paul's

21st- Peace Poster winners are honored at 7pm at the Wilson House

23rd-Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

24th- Disney on Broadway concert at 7pm in the Wilson HS Auditorium

25th- Family movie night at 6:30 at Thomas Marks Elementary School

26th- Robert Burns Supper at 5pm at the Wilson House ($30 pp)

30th-Pre-licensing course from 3-8 in HS Library Media Center ($35 cash)

FEBRUARY

1st- PTSA Game Night at the Wilson Middle School

6th- Community Pot Luck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

9th- Community Adult Fellowship Meeting at 7pm at Exley Methodist

9th & 10th- Be Mine with Wine from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard

9th-14th- Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 beg. at 4pm at the Wilson House

10th Lost Sheep Good Shepherd Valentine Event 6-8 pm at Exley Methodist

11th- Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

15th-Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

17th- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

20th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

20th- Exploring Christian Themes in Western Art class at 7pm at St. Paul's

22nd- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

24th- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

MARCH

1st- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

2nd- Blues, Brews & Cues school at 3pm at the Wilson House

3rd- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

6th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

6th- PARP Magician at 6pm at Thomas Marks Elementary School

8th- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

10th- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

13th- Exploring Christian Themes in Western Art 7pm at St. Paul's

14th-16th- High School musical at 7pm in the Wilson HS Auditorium

15th- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30- 7:00

17th- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

19th- Election for Village Mayor from 12-9 pm at Town Hall

20th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

22nd- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

24th- South Wilson Fire Hall Brunch from 9-1

29th- Wilson #1 Fire Hall Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00

30th- Easter Egg Hunt from 10-12 at Exley Methodist Church

30th- Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at the Historical Society

31st- Community Easter Celebration presented by 1st Baptist Church

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY- Knit-wits at 7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

TUESDAY- Harbortown for Gr. 1-5 from 6:30-8:00 at 1st Baptist
Free Wii Bowling at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill

WEDNESDAY- Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's

THURSDAY- Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill

FRIDAY- Junior PULSE for Gr. 6-8 from 7-9pm at 1st Baptist
PULSE for Gr. 9-12 from 9-11pm at 1st Baptist

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WILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wilson Historical Society was established in 1972. The museum building is the former NY Central Depot. Displays include fire company memorabilia, photo & radio equipment, medical supplies, business artifacts, books, and genealogical files.

The 1861 Randall Road schoolhouse was moved to the site in 1996. The Rex "Tugwell" Log Cabin was donated to the museum by Floyd "Red" Clark in 2000. Other displays include a 1903 NY Central caboose, the John F. Argue Memorial Building which houses many antique cars, and the Barnum Building which features exhibits of Wilson's former post office and a country store.

The main fundraiser is the Memorial Day Fair. This event features demonstrations, an antique car show, a giant flea market, a chicken barbecue, food vendors and other fun activities.

Museum hours are 2-4pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from May through October. Contact Francis Gallagher at 751-9650 or Wanda Burrows at 751-6704 if you are interested in becoming a new member.

DOG PARK UPDATE

The Wilson Dog Park at Krueger Park will provide a great playground for your dog and give you some exercise too. The new Welcome Center will showcase news of all the upcoming events. There are plans to have a Save-a-Pet adoption opportunity, training & agility classes, Fly Ball & K-9 demonstrations, doggie fashion shows, and a Barkus Parade. The target date for the dedication ceremony & dog park opening is set for early spring.

To date, all necessary equipment has been donated along with enough money for ½ of the fencing which is being installed by the Convenant Fencing Company. Your continued support is needed in order to complete this project. Please pick up a donation form at the Town or Village offices, Wilson Community Pharmacy, or Myers Accounting. Contact Betty Haag at bettyhaag@verizon.net or 751-4146 for more information.

WILSON LIONS CLUB

Made up of 46,000 clubs with 1.35 million members, the Lions Club is the world's largest service organization. The Wilson Lions Club was chartered in 1941 to help meet the needs of the community we live in. Since that time, countless hours have been spent doing whatever needs to be done to make our hometown the best that it can be. "We Serve" is more than just a motto- it's a lifestyle. To join this worthwhile organization, contact Lion President Bernie Leiker at 238-5968 or Lion Jim Muscoreil at 628-8052.

Here is a list of Wilson events that the Lions Club either runs, volunteers at, or donates to during the year:

Easter Egg Hunt	Children's Halloween Party
Lil' Apple Ball Drop	Citizen of the Year Award
Peace Poster Contest	Radio Reading Service
Eye screenings at TM	Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids
Lions Scholarships	Lions Phone Book
Harbor Hoops	Wet & Wild Triathlon
Salmon Run	Tree planting at Greenwood
Swim Program	Youth Baseball
Wilson Food Pantry	Wilson Free Library

WILSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Janet Hoffman and her committee are thankful to everyone who has taken the time to share food, supplies, and money with those in their community. The pantry is available to anyone who is in need of food. Food is dispersed to a family one time a month. The committee has been serving approximately 20 families since the pantry opened on Nov. 13th at St. Brendan on the Lake Church. On Dec. 18th, they were able to provide 15 Christmas dinners along with children's gift boxes donated by St. John's Episcopal Church.

The pantry had a representative from Fidelis Health discuss healthcare coverage, and a person from Cornell Cooperative Extension discuss cooking, recipes, and budget management.

Pantry hours are on Tuesdays from 4-8pm. Beginning on Jan. 19th, it will also be open on the 3rd Sat. of each month from 10am-12noon. To volunteer, call Janet at 751-0165.

RENOVATIONS AT LAKESIDE IGA

It has been 20 years since any major renovations have been undertaken at the Lakeside IGA. The store has recently been upgraded with new sliding entrance doors, 24 feet of produce, and 7 new beverage doors. A new frozen meat case and 10 more doors of frozen food have also been added, and the entire store is in the process of being reshelved.

Jim and Colleen Bowman have owned the store for the past six years, and Jerry Kadryna has been the manager for 23 years. It has been a grocery store for over 40 years. Originally it was known as the Lakeside Food King. Then it was called the Wilson Lakeside Market before it became the Lakeside IGA fifteen years ago.

April 2013

VILLAGE VIEWS

Dear Village Resident,

I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote March 19th. This was a great turnout and truly shows what an involved community we have here in Wilson. I am very excited to be your Mayor and look forward to working with Jerry and the new trustee to move our Village forward. I want everyone to know if you have questions or concerns you can count on me to address them. I have established a Mayor's Advisory Committee to assist me in addressing all the issues in the Village. There will be additional new committees forming, so if you are interested in volunteering please let me know.

Spring is finally here and our events season will kick into high gear. Many of this season's events are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call the office to get contact information. Volunteering for any event is a great way to participate & have fun in the community.

Krueger Park is gearing up for spring and summer. The beautiful addition last year of the Welcome Center has set the tone for 2013. The Watch Wilson Grow Community Project will focus on a new sign for the park as well as some upgrades throughout the park. The much anticipated opening of the Wilson Dog Park will provide a safe off leash area for dogs and bring visitors to our community. Baseball season will be starting soon, and Krueger Park will be an active multi-use center in our Village.

Beginning April 8th, Certo Brothers will begin distributing beer for The Woodcock Brothers Brewery. This will result in an anticipated increase of 10 times the current production by the end of the year. Congratulations to the Brewery! Dollar General is expected to break ground in May. We look forward to the opening of the new store as well as other new businesses coming to our Village.

There have been many reports of unwelcome solicitors in the Village of Wilson. There was a group that was very aggressive with people in their homes. We take these complaints very seriously and have lodged formal complaints with the Attorney General's Office. It is vitally important in our community to provide an environment that is safe and, to that end, we will hold a public hearing to establish a new law regarding solicitation in our Village. No one is allowed to solicit in the Village without a permit with the exception of children raising funds for school, sporting events, etc. If you suspect a solicitor does not have a permit, give us a call.

You can contact the office at 751-6764 or me directly at 238-5968 because we are always willing to help. We look forward to serving you and welcome your participation as we strive to combine our progress with our heritage.

Hope you have a wonderful Spring!

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor

F.Y.I.

- **Solicitors MUST obtain a permit from the Village Clerk to go door to door to sell items. If someone comes to your door to sell you something, ask them to show you their Village permit. If they cannot produce it, call the Niagara County Sheriff's office (438-3393) or Mayor Bernie Leiker (238-5968). The Village of Wilson does not endorse any business or person granted a permit. It only means that the Village officials have verified the personal information and references of the applicant.**
- **Dog owners are responsible for immediately removing all feces deposited on any private property, sidewalk, street or park. It must be disposed of in a sanitary manner.**
- **Call 751-9431 to schedule a Village truck to be dropped off at your home overnight or for the weekend to fill up with yard debris. (NO rocks or building items.) The truck will be picked up on the next business day.**
- **The Wilson Music Parents Association will be having a bottle drop off on Saturday, April 27th from 10am-12noon at the High School parking lot. Any plastic or glass bottle that has a NY deposit will be accepted. Village residents without transportation can call Tom Bach at 523-3068 to arrange for bottle pick up.**

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WILSON #1 FIRE COMPANY

WOMEN'S AUXILLARY

The Women's Auxillary began in 1956. Their main objective is to assist the firemen. They bring them food & drink when they are working at structure fires. The Auxillary also helps with the Lenten Fish Fries, Field Days, Turkey & Gun Raffles, and other events during the year. At the Installation Dinner in November, the women present the firemen with either a special item or a monetary gift so that they can continue to help in the community.

At the present time, there are 16 active members and 14 honorary members. Officers are Donna Dietz-President, Annette Liddell-Vice President, Pam McInerney-Treasurer, and Diane Ziemendorf-Secretary. The Trustees are Candy Redmond & Marilyn Devlin and the Sergeant at Arms is Diane Reed.

The Women's Auxillary meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. They are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining this worthwhile organization, call Donna Dietz at 510-6542.

CROSSBORDER BLUES, BREWS & QUE

This committee was formed in 2009 and spent 18 months preparing for the first event in June of 2011. They are dedicated to promoting youth & recreational programming that supports tourism growth in Wilson. Their goal is to raise funds for area organizations, and they have donated over $8,000 to local charities & projects.

There are 7 core committees: Property Management, Vendor Sales & Management, Sponsorship & Raffle Sales, Volunteer Coordinator & Hospitality, Entertainment Coordinator, Marketing & PR, and Administration. Each committee must have at least 2 people on their team.

They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Wilson House. If you have a passion to promote Wilson and would like to volunteer at this event, contact Kathy O'Keefe at ktokeefedesigns2@aol.com.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library was formed in 1991 during the time of the expansion and renovation of the Wilson Library. This is a volunteer non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide the material, financial, and volunteer services which are needed to enable the library to thrive in Wilson.

Annually, the Friends pay for all the periodical subscriptions, sponsor the summer reading programs, and provide patrons with a complimentary family pass to Fort Niagara. In recent years, they have purchased new computers & monitors, spinning book towers, Nook and Kindle e-readers, easy chairs, and the new entryway carpet. They also provided funds for the new circulation desk. In the Children's Room, they paid to refinish the table & chairs and bought new bulletin boards, carpet, and a computer desk.

Membership costs as little as $5.00 a year. For a donation of $500 or more, a person can become a lifetime member whose name is displayed on the Forever Friends plaque. All monies received are put into an endowment fund which gives the library a predictable source of income for years to come. Membership information can be found at the library or by calling Marie Kurtz at 751-6288 or Janet Hoffman at 751-0165.

The Friends of the Library are actively seeking new members. They meet on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Library Community room.

WILSON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

The WBPA was established by numerous Town & Village businesses on April 10, 2007 at the Wilson House. Presently there are 24 businesses in the association. Phil Russell is the President, Jeanine Johnson is the Secretary, and Nancy Freischlag is the Treasurer.

This organization sponsors the Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que in June and the Lil' Apple Ball Drop & Family New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31st.

WILSON WELCOME WAGON

Tracy Ziemendorf and Claire Simpson are starting a Welcome Wagon for new families in the Village of Wilson. Eventually they would also like to expand this service to the Town of Wilson residents. They will be visiting new residents and offering them baskets filled with household & beauty samples as well as the Village Views newsletter, a Wilson Free Library pamphlet, and coupons for area restaurants and businesses.

Call Tracy at 433-7630 if you know of someone who has recently moved into the Village or if you would like to donate money or items for the Welcome Wagon baskets.

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESSES

AMY LEE'S HAIR SALON

275 Young St. 751-3735

After having a hair salon on Catherine St. for 11 years, Amy Lee Cudney moved to the former Bob Barden Homes storefront on Young St. six years ago. She specializes in all hairstyles at affordable prices. Men's haircuts will be $2 off on Tuesdays from April-June. She is open Tues. 9:30-5, Wed. 9:30-6, Thurs. 12-5, Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 8-2.

CAL'S AUTOMOTIVE

665 Lake St. 751-2335

Cal Krysa opened his repair shop in 1999 in the former Farm & Garden Store. He specializes in auto electrical work as well as motorcycle & car inspections. His hours are Mon.-Fri. from 8-5.

CANOE & KAYAK RENTAL

622-6585

This is Matt Frawley's 3rd season for watercraft rentals. Call him to set up 2 hour, 4 hour, all day, weekend, or weekly canoe and kayak rentals. For more information, go to ucanyak.com.

CMC AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

418 Lake St. 751-0505

Dean Champion opened his shop in August of 2009. He does all repair work except alignments. He will even check your vehicle for free if the "Check Engine Light" comes on. His hours are Mon.-Fri. 7-5 and Sat. 7-2.

HAMILTON & CLARK

270 Young St. 751-9631

This funeral home has been in existence since 1869. David Ross II is the 7th owner. He bought the business in July of 2010 and operates this full service funeral home with the help of his father, Dave Sr., and his brother, Michael. Dave is a 3rd generation funeral director as well as a descendant of the founder of our town, Reuben Wilson. His motto is a Mark Twain quote: "Endeavor to live so that when you die even the undertaker will be sorry." He is always available to answer your call.

JEAN'S BAR & GRILL

273 Young St. 751-9198

Melinda Major has been the owner of this establishment for 30 years. It was formerly the Wilkes Bar. She renamed it Jean's after her mother. The bar is open from 11am-3am seven days a week. The kitchen serves meals from 11am-2pm & 7-10pm. Daily lunch specials can be found on their Facebook page.

MYERS ACCOUNTING SERVICE

284 Young St. 751-3609

Matt Myers opened his accounting firm in Wilson in 1988 in the former Baker Insurance building. He and Jeanine Johnson have been co-owners of the business since Dec. 2004. They specialize in income & sales tax preparation, personal & small business accounting, and payroll services. Their hours are Mon.-Fri. from 9-4:30.

NORTHTOWN INSURANCE AGENCY

291 Young St. 751-3610

This insurance agency has been in Wilson since 2003. It was originally in the Myers Accounting office. Owner, Steven Quinn, moved his business to the former hardware store across the street in March of 2008. His agency sells auto, home, business, and boat insurance. He strives to meet all of your insurance needs at the best prices available. Wilson office hours are Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 9:30-4:30.

T & R CORNER STORE

Young & Catherine St. 751-9477

T & R opened for business in 1980 in the former Kenyon's Variety storefront. Tom Bateman owned it for 26 years and his daughter, Cheryl Hill, has owned it for the past 6 years. Besides being a convenience store and a gas station, it also sells pizza and subs. It is open seven days a week from 6am until midnight.

THE GARDEN GATE

257 Young St. 751-6402

In 1998, Shelley Andrews opened her store in the previous florist shop. She specializes in fresh floral & silk flower arrangements and has a variety of garden & home decor for sale. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 9-3. She also has a gift shop at the Wilson boat harbor that is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours there are Sun.-Thurs.from 1-8 and Fri. & Sat. from 1-9.

VILLAGE VIEWS

April 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

3rd- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
5th -Bullhead Contest beginning at 6pm at Jean's Bar & Grill ($10 inc. food)
6th- Bullhead Fishing Contest weigh in at 1pm SHARP at Jean's Bar & Grill
6th-Community Adult Potluck & Germany trip pics at 5:30 at Exley Methodist
8th- AARP Tax Help from 10-1 at the Wilson Free Library (free)
8th- Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
13th-AARP Driving Program from 9-12 at Exley Methodist Church ($17-$19)
13th-Spaghetti dinner & basket raffle for Larry Peet 2-6 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
13th-Hawaiian Party-karaoke & hula hoop contest at 8pm at Firehouse Tavern
17th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
17th- "Exploring Christian Art Themes" at 7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
20th- AARP Driving Program from 9-12 at Exley Methodist Church ($17-$19)
20th- Wilson Food Pantry open from 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake Church
20th-Reverse Draw & Basket Auction at 6:30 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
22nd-"Refuse to be a Victim" program at 7pm at Wilson Historical Society
27th-Lacrosse sign ups from 10-12 at the Wilson Town Hall
27th-Open House & Recruitment from 10-2 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
27th-Italian Dinner from 4:30-7:00 at Exley Methodist ($8/adult &$5/child)

MAY

1st- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
3rd-Rummage Sale from 9-4 at St. John's Episcopal Church
4th-Rummage Sale from 9-12 at St. John's Episcopal Church
4th-Theme Basket Auction at 12 noon at the Wilson Conservation Club
4th- Cinco de Mayo Party- "Back to the Bands" 7pm-? at Firehouse Tavern
7th-Middle School Vocal Concert at 7pm in the High School Auditorium
8th- High School Vocal Concert at 7pm in the High School Auditorium
11th-Community Adult Potluck & England trip pics at 5:30 at Exley Methodist
11th-Star gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
12th- Mother's Day Brunch (11-2:30) & Dinner (3-7) at the Wilson House
15th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
15th-Middle School & 5th Gr. Band Concert at 7pm in High School Auditorium
18th- Field Trip to Albright Knox Art Gallery at 9am/ Meet at St. Paul's Church
18th- Wilson Food Pantry open from 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake Church
18th-Wilson Community Days from 10-1 at the Wilson Town Hall
18th-Lacrosse sign ups from 10-12 at the Wilson Town Hall
18th-Swim lessons & pool membership sign ups from 10-1 at the Town Hall
18th-Pajama Party – karaoke & canoe giveaway at 8pm-? at Firehouse Tavern
21st- 4th & 5th Grade Choral & Band Concert at 6:30 at Thomas Marks School
22nd-High School Band Concert at 7pm in the High School Auditorium
25th-Linnea's Pool opens
27th-Memorial Day Fair from 8-3 at the Wilson Historical Society
27th- Memorial Day Fair from 10-3 at First Baptist Church
29th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

JUNE

1st- Salmon Run 5K Race at 5pm at Clark's Park (($15-$25 reg.)
1st-WWG Kite Day from 1-3 at Thomas Marks Elementary School
3rd- Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
3rd- Spring Sports Awards Dinner at 7pm at the High School
5th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
5th- High School Music Awards at 7pm in the High School Auditorium
7th-Lions Club Golf Tournament at 10am at Willowbrook Golf Course
8th- Wison Dog Paddle from 10-3 at Sunset Grill ($35 reg.inc. food)
8th- Community Adult Potluck & Alaska trip at 5:30 at Exley Methodist
8th- Star gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
10th- Middle School Last Day Awards
14th-The Amazing Race from 6-9pm at First Baptist Church
15th- Wilson Food Pantry open from 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake
15th-Conservation Club Kid's Fishing Derby
15th& 16th-Wilson Soccer Tournament
15th- Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que at 10-8 at Woodcock Brothers
16th- Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que at 10-6 at Woodcock Brothers
17th-Lions Club Awards Dinner at 6pm at the Wilson Boat House
19th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
22nd- High School Graduation at 9am at Artpark
28th-WWG Super Cruise beginning at 6pm on Young St.
29th- "Fugitives" band from 8pm-? at the Firehouse Tavern
29th&30th-Free Fishing Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY-	Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
TUESDAY-	Wilson Food Pantry 4-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake
	Free Wii Bowling at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
WEDNESDAY-	Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's
THURSDAY-	Clam Night at 4pm at the Wilson House (beg. May 2nd)
	Junior PULSE for Gr. 6-8 from 6:30-8pm at First Baptist
	Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill
FRIDAY-	PULSE for Gr. 8-12 from 7-9pm at First Baptist
SUNDAY-	Kids Community (Gr. 1-6) from 10-11:30 at First Baptist

RECYCLING DATES :

APRIL 10TH & 24TH
MAY 8TH & 22ND
JUNE 5TH & 19TH

VILLAGE VIEWS

July 2013

Dear Village Resident,

Summer has finally arrived and our event schedule is in full swing. This year marked our 1st annual Kite Day. Even though it was a blustery day, children and adults came out for a fun filled afternoon. The WCEC Salmon Run was a huge success. Though storms threatened, the race went off without a hitch. Father's Day weekend marked the 3rd annual Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que. Congratulations on another great event! At the end of June, we will have the 16th annual SuperCruise which always makes for a terrific night in the Village. We have three months of summer events planned. Check the Upcoming Events section for dates and times or pick up a Village of Wilson brochure which is available around town or at the Village office.

After a few hiccups at the start, Dollar General is on track for their September opening. Everyone seems very excited to see the store open here. The Wilson Brew Company is also gearing up for a grand opening. Find them on Facebook to keep track of their progress.

If you have a chance to visit Krueger Park, you will notice a lot of changes happening there. The Wilson Dog Park is open for business and is already attracting visitors. The Watch Wilson Grow 2013 projects are underway at the park. They will be renovating the pavilions, adding a new Calvin E. Krueger Park sign, and working on many additional updates.

The Water Treatment Plant upgrades are coming along and are scheduled to be completed by Fall. Once completed, there will be tours scheduled to see all of the upgrades first hand. Our Department of Public Works has been busy getting the Village ready for a bustling summer by keeping our Village looking great.

Please remember that solicitation is NOT allowed in the Village limits without a permit. If someone comes to your door soliciting, please ask to see their permit with the official signature. If the person does not have this permit, they are NOT ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE. Please notify the office at 751-6764, me directly at 238-5968, or the Sheriff's Department at 438-3393.

Looking forward to a beautiful summer and as Anita Pearce says,
" Remember living in Wilson is like living in heaven."

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor

F.Y.I.

- Village Law 57-1 states that no person shall start any fire or burn any paper, straw, wood, leaves, rubbish, or other material on any street, public alley, or public ground in the Village of Wilson. Campfires on your private property must be self contained and limited to 4 logs of dry wood. Each log is not to exceed 18 inches in length and 6 inches in diameter.
- Milton E. "Ollie" Clark was honored at the Village board meeting on June 20th for his 34 years as the Village building inspector and 20 years a Village trustee. A plaque in his honor will be displayed on the DPW building at Krueger Park.
- The Wilson Lions Club honored the following people at the awards dinner at the Wilson Boat House on June 17th.
  Citizen of the Year: Betty Haag — Hometown Hero: Gary Pettit
  Robert J. Uplinger Award: Robert A. Hull — Floyd "Red" Clark Scholarship: Jesse Johnston
- Sign up sheets are in the Town and Village Clerk's offices for the Townwide Garage Sale on July 19th & 20th. You must sign up by July 11th to be included on the map.

RECYCLING DATES :
JULY 3rd, 17th & 31st
AUGUST 14th & 28th
SEPTEMBER 11th & 25th

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VILLAGE VIEWS

July 2013

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESSES

BROWNIES EATS & TREATS

186 Harbor Street 751-6102

It was originally known as Abbie's fifty years ago. Nancy Rohring, who worked there as a teenager, bought the business 22 years ago and renamed it after her nickname. Besides ice cream, they also serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken fingers, Italian sausage, and fried clams. It is open from April through September. Summer hours are 11am-10pm daily.

DOWN ON MAIN STREET

291 Young Street 564-7662

This establishment was the Miller/Brown grocery store before becoming a restaurant called Scheffler's. Loura Maines has been the current owner since January of 2013. Her specialties include Italian soups, salads, and spaghetti sauces. Hours are 6am-2pm seven days a week.

MATTY'S PIZZERIA

288 Young Street 751-3907

Located at the original site of the Sutherland Hotel which burned in 1913 and the Esso gas station in the 1950's, this shop has been owned by Matt Brueckner since 1998. He specializes in ribs and char BBQ wings as well as pizza and subs. He makes his own bread, BBQ, dressings, desserts, and dog treats. He even has a G gauge train that runs continuously around the top perimeter of the inside wall. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 11am-10pm and Sun. 3:30-10pm.

WILSON HOUSE

300 Lake Street 751-9888

Built in 1844, it was the cobblestone home of Luther Wilson whose father was the founder of our town. It became the Wilsonian Club in the 1920's and housed a men's club with a bowling alley in the basement, two pool tables on the first floor, and a dance hall upstairs. It became a restaurant after WWII and an inn in the 1950's. Caren Ashkar and John Cracchiola have been the innkeepers for the past 10 years. It has a bar, dining area, banquet room for up to 100 people, and 7 guest rooms. Open year round, restaurant hours are Mon.- Thurs. 11:30am-9pm, Fri. & Sat. 11:30-am-10pm, and Sun. 12-9pm.

WOODCOCK BROTHERS BREWERY

638 Lake Street 333-4000

Mark & Tim Woodcock & their wives opened this brewery/restaurant in Nov. 2012 in the renovated historic cold storage building. They are presently brewing 6 craft beers. They use wood fired ovens for all their food preparation. They are currently serving a summer menu consisting of pizza, appetizers, and salads. There are daily lunch & dinner specials. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 12-10pm, Fri. & Sat. 12-11pm, and Sun. 12-8pm.

NEW BUSINESSES

COLD STORAGE ANTIQUE COMPANY

638 Lake Street Suite 3 628-2202

Steve Clark moved his antique store into the Woodcock Brothers Brewery complex in May of 2013. He carries local and regional items from our past including tools, furnishings, and beautiful goods. They can be used for inexpensive home décor or creative repurposing projects. The store is open on Wednesdays through Sundays from 12-8pm or by appointment.

COTTONWOOD HERBALS

638 Lake Street Suite 2 333-4044

Owners Nicole & Peter Geraci opened here on June 1, 2013. They have been in business since 2001 selling their all natural eco friendly soaps, salves & lotions at farmer's markets and as guest room amenities. They also had a retail store in front of their home for the past 4 years. All products are handmade at their present location. They offer the only soap making school in WNY four times a year. Nicole is a certified health coach who runs a free health & wellness class on the last Sunday of each month. Her next class is June 30th from 12:30-1:30. Hours are Monday-Friday 11-8, Sat. 10-8, and Sun. 12-5.

WILSON BREW COMPANY

315 Catherine Street

Ann Daul's shop will open around July 1st. She will serve espresso coffees, ice coffee, teas, and smoothies. She will also have homemade pastries and bagels as well as a light fare lunch menu consisting of sandwiches and salads. Hours will be 5:30am-2:30pm seven days a week.

Z BEST VENDING

177 Lake Street 622-3248

Greg & Tracy Ziemendorf opened their vending business out of their home in July of 2012 as a way to teach their three children valuable life lessons, promote social skills, and to learn about charity. They offer vending services for offices, retail stores, work plants, and sporting events. With the help of their children, they deliver the vending machines and refill them with candy, toys, soda & snacks. They donate a part of their proceeds to the Wilson Sports Booster Club or a charity of the customer's choice.

VILLAGE VIEWS

July 2013

DOWN AT THE WILSON HARBOR

DESTINATIONS

Leanne Powers-Mattioli opened this women's boutique in 2011. She sells upscale clothing and jewelry. Hours are Thurs. & Fri. 4-9pm, Sat. 1-9pm, and Sun. 1-8pm.

FOUR SEASONS GIFTS

After opening this store at the Blvd. Mall 14 years ago, Jeff Manz opened this smaller shop at the harbor in 2005. It doubled in size in 2011. He sells a variety of merchandise including nautical items, flags, wind chimes, wine accessories, dog items, jewelry, purses, pop & snacks, and t-shirts (including ones with the Wilson logo). Weather permitting, hours are 1-8pm daily.

GARDEN GATE

Shelley Andrews opened her seasonal shop here in 1999. (She also has a year round store at 257 Young St.) She sells garden accessories, home décor, jewelry, ladies' accessories, and greeting cards. Hours are Sun. though Thurs. from 1-8pm and Fri. & Sat. from 1-9pm.

HARBOR BOAT TOUR

There is a free 20 minute boat ride around the harbor in a 12 person electric boat. It usually runs on weekends and can be boarded behind the Wilson Boat House restaurant.

LUCYPANTS

Named after her 3 year old daughter, Kate Madan's shop opened for business this summer. She specializes in fashion and home accessories. Hours are Thursday through Monday from 12-8pm.

NAUTICAL NOOK SNACK BAR

Joe Jakubowski from Joe's Country Catering in Youngstown is the owner of this snack bar next to Linnea's Pool. It has outdoor seating and a take out menu. Food and drink items are priced between $1 and $5. Hours are 12-8pm daily.

OPENING SOON

Bait & Tackle Shop and Ice Cream Shop

SUNSET GRILL

From 1948-1988, it was the Island Yacht Club and the first full service yacht club on Lake Ontario. In 1988, it became a restaurant. It has been managed by Michelle Elia since 2010. It is open from April through September. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 4-9pm, Fri. & Sat. 2-10pm, and Sun. 10am-9pm. (Brunch is served from 10-2.) There is a Blues band there every Wednesday from 6-9pm and a live band every Sunday from 3-7pm.

WILSON BOAT HOUSE

Jake Miller built this boathouse in 1903 to ferry his passengers back and forth to Miller's Landing and his hotel on Sunset Island. Eventually it became a restaurant and bar. In 1999, Pat Brady remodeled the restaurant and added Linnea's Pool, a snack bar, the lighthouse rooms, and the harbor shops. Michelle Elia has managed the restaurant since 2009. It is open from April through September. Hours are Sun.-Thurs. from 11:30am-9pm and Fri. & Sat. from 11:30am-10pm. There are live bands from 6-9pm on Thursdays, 8-11:30pm on Fridays, 8pm-12 midnight ou Saturdays, and 4-8pm on Sundays.

WILSON BOATYARD MARINA

Operated by Kevin Jerge, this marina has 40 slips, some transient docks, a gas dock, and a derby weigh station. There is also a lighthouse with four guest rooms. The Wawbeek & Caneel rooms are $69.95/night with two twin beds in each room. The Oriental room is $89.95/night and has a queen bed. The Casa del Mar is $109.95/night and has a queen bed, a full sized futon, and two twin beds. All of the rooms share one bathroom. Call 751-9202 for room reservations from May 1st-mid September.

WILSON HARBOR POOL CLUB

There are free swimming lessous & water aerobic classes for all Wilson residents. Besides the heated pool & hot tub, there are also changing rooms & showers, a picnic area & free WiFi. This summer, a new children's splash fountain and an expanded deck have been added. Daily pool passes are available for $10/per person if you come with a pool member. Hours are 12-8pm daily weather permitting. For membership information, call 751-3682.

NEW FIRE BOATS

In 2012, the Wilson #1 Fire Company obtained a sheriff's boat for lake rescues. The fire company shares the boat with the sheriff's department. This year, the fire company had a manufacturer build a pontoon boat for them to use for rescues and fires on Sunset Island. This boat can bring 15 firemen, their gear, and the hoses over to the island in case of an emergency.

VILLAGE VIEWS

July 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

8th- Summer Reading Program (elem. ages) at 12:30 at the Wilson Library
11th-WCEC Fundraiser at 7pm at Linnea's Pool
13th-Duck Commander Tribute Night from 8pm-? at The Fire House Tavern
13th-Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
14th- Lakefest Mercy Flight fundraiser from 2-9pm at Bedrock Landing
15th-Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at the Wilson Free Library
17th- Hunter training program from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
18th- Used Book Sale from 10-5 at the Wilson Free Library
19th-Townwide Garage Sale from 9am-4pm
19th- Garage Sale from 9am-4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
19th- Used Book Sale from 10-5 at the Wilson Free Library
19th- Hunter training program from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
20th- Hunter training program from 9am-? Wilson Conservation Club
20th- Townwide Garage Sale from 9am-4pm
20th-Garage Sale from 9am-4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
20th- Used Book Sale from 10-2 at the Wilson Free Library
20th- Food Pantry open from 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake Church
20th-"Sudden Urge" band from 8pm-? at The Fire House Tavern
21st- Garage Sale from 12:30-3:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church ($1/bag)
21st- Sanborn Band at 2pm at the Wilson Historical Society
22nd- Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at the Wilson Free Library
23rd- Teen Summer Reading Program – Pick up packets at Wilson Library
27th- Wilson CSD Wall of Fame golf outing at 1pm at Oak Run Golf Course
27th-Black Light Karaoke Night from 9pm-? at Jean's Bar & Grill
28th-Stihl Tour des Trees (9:30am water break) at Krueger Park
28th- Speaker:George Miller /Bring a friend at 9:30 at Exley Methodist
28th- Health & Wellness class from 12:30-1:30 at Cottonwood Herbels (free)
29th-Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at the Wilson Free Library
29th-VBS family dinner at 5-5:30 at St. Paul's/ VBS from 6-8pm at 1st Baptist
30th- Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
30th-VBS family dinner at 5-5:30 at St. Paul's/VBS from 6-8pm at 1st Baptist
31st-VBS family dinner at 5-5:30 at St. Paul's/VBS from 6-8pm at 1st Baptist

AUGUST

1st-VBS family dinner at 5-5:30 at St. Paul's/VBS from 6-8pm at 1st Baptist
1st- WCEC free movie at dusk at Clark's Park : Ice Age 4
2nd-VBS family dinner at 5-5:30 at St. Paul's/VBS from 6-8pm at 1st Baptist
2nd- Trapper training program from 6-9pm at Wilson Conservation Club
2nd- Bike Nite from 5-10pm on Young Street
3rd- Trapper training program from 9am-? at the Wilson Conservation Club
3rd- WWG Wine Fest & Farmer's Market from 2-7pm on Young St.
3rd- Wilson Wet 'n Wild Triathalon at 9am at Tuscarora State Park
5th- Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at the Wilson Free Library
8th-WCEC free movie at dusk at Clark's Park: Muppet Movie
9th-Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
10th- Harbor Hoops beginning at 9:15am at Clark's Park($120/team)
11th- Barkus Parade from 1-3pm at Krueger Park
12th- Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at the Wilson Free Library
15th- Free movie at dusk at Clark's Park:Escape from Planet Earth
17th- iWacko 5k Run at 9am at Clark's Park ($25 presale/ $30)
17th- Food Pantry open 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake
17th- Anniversary Party- JB Aaron Band 8pm-? Fire House Tavern
19th- Summer Reading Program at 12:30 at Wilson Free Library
22nd-Garage Sale (to benefit Haiti mission) from 9-4 at St. Paul's
22nd- Firemen's Field Days from 6-10pm
22nd-WCEC free movie at dusk at Clark's Park: The Avengers
23rd-Garage Sale (to benefit Haiti mission) from 9-4 at St. Paul's
23rd- Firemen's Field Days from 6pm-12midnight
24th-Garage Sale (to benefit Haiti mission) from 12-7pm at St. Paul's
24th- Firemen's Field Days from 12noon-12midnight/ Parade at 5pm
25th- Health & Wellness class 12:30-1:30 at Cottonwood Herbals
29th- WCEC free movie at dusk at Clark's Park: The Croods

SEPTEMBER

4th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
12th- Grief Share program at Exley Methodist Church (time TBA)
14th- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
16th- Archery training from 6-9:30pm at Wilson Conservation Club
18th- Archery training from 6-9:30pm at Wilson Conservation Club
18th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
21st- Archery training from 8am-? at Wilson Conservation Club
21st- Food Pantry open from 10-12 at St. Brendan on the Lake
22nd- Clam Bake from 12-3 at the Wilson House ($35)
29th- Health & Wellness class from 12:30-1:30 at Cottonwood Herbal

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY- Quilting from 9am-12noon at Exley Methodist Church
Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
TUESDAY- Wilson Food Pantry 4-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake
WEDNESDAY- Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's
35 cent wings at Jean's Bar & Grill
Yoga class from 6:30-7:30 at Wilson High School gym
THURSDAY- Clam Night at 4pm at the Wilson House
Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2013

Dear Village Resident,

As summer comes to an end, the first hint of our beautiful fall has arrived. As you can see from our event schedule, we have a jam packed fall season. Along with the WCS sports schedule, we should have something nearly every night of the week. All of these events are a great opportunity for our community to come together. Hope to see you there!

The Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades are coming along and are scheduled to be completed in November. Once these upgrades are completed, the plant, with regular maintenance, will be in good shape for the next 25 years and more efficient all the way around.

Our last Village Board meeting had nearly 70 participants. Discussion covered the electronic sign and what is appropriate for our community. I would like to thank everyone who came out to the meeting; the input will assist the Village Board as we develop a formal policy for the electronic sign. The October Board meeting on Thursday, October 17th will contain a Public Hearing regarding a noise ordinance in the Village. Residents are encouraged to attend and express their views on this important topic. The current ordinance is antiquated, as are several others: Did you know that current Village Law imposes a fine of $5 if you tie your horse to a fire hydrant?

This summer I started a Mayoral Advisory Committee and Water Committee. The Water Committee has been meeting to review payment procedures and in the future will make recommendations to the Village Board on water and sewer issues. The Mayoral Advisory Committee is currently working with the National Heritage Trail. As a result, the Village of Wilson will soon be featured in all of the National Parks for our role in the War of 1812 when Luther Wilson led cows from the burning Village. The artwork of our own George Banagis will highlight the Village of Wilson "Collector's Card" handed out around the country. Thanks to George for his invaluable contribution, and congratulations to George for taking "Best in Show" at the Quaker Arts Festival. Stop in at Champion Graphics to see his trophy and enjoy his beautiful artwork.

Through the Village of Wilson's membership with NYCOM, New York Conference of Mayors, the Village has subscribed with Compliance Connections, a free program to obtain owner/bank information on abandoned properties. To date, the Village of Wilson has submitted eight properties and received information on seven of them. This information will assist the Village with who is the responsible entity regarding property violations on abandoned properties in our community. If you have any questions regarding this initiative to "rehabitate" the abandoned homes in our community, please contact Ann Stimm at the Village office.

You can contact the Village Office at 751-6764 or by email at villageofwilson@verizon.net. You can also get Village updates at www.villageofwilson.org or join us on Facebook at Village of Wilson NY.

Looking forward to a beautiful fall season.

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor
238-5968

F.Y.I.

Wilson Fire Company #1 is selling reflective address markers. Mailbox numbers are $20 and house numbers are $18. Order forms can be picked up at Champion Graphics, the post office, or town hall. Call 751-2089 for more info.

Sanitary sewers are being flushed from Sept. 24th through Oct. 4th from 6:30am to 12:00 noon.

Drivers can not turn right on red between 7-9am & 2-4pm on school days at the light at Lake & Young Streets. Students must be completely across the street before you can turn on a green light.

Leaves can be picked up on garbage day if they are put in bags separate from the garbage bags.

Trick or treating will take place from 4-7pm on Oct. 31st in the Village of Wilson.

All homeowners receiving a Basic STAR property tax exemption must register with the NYS Tax Department by Dec. 31, 2013 in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and after. Call 1-518-457-2036.

There is an infestation of pine bark beetles at Krueger Park and some of the pine trees are being removed.

The Wilson Community Pharmacy is now an authorized Department of Motor Vehicles eye testing facility. Call 751-0140 to schedule an appointment.

Due to snowplowing, there will be NO parking on the Village streets between 2-7am from Nov. 1st through April 15th.

Local author, Carol Caisse, will read & discuss her books at 7pm on Oct. 1st at the Wilson Free Library.

RECYCLING DATES:

Oct. 9 & Oct. 23
Nov. 6 & Nov. 20
Dec. 4 & Dec. 18

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2013

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESSES

POST OFFICE

The first post office was established in Reuben Wilson's home on West Young Street in 1824. He was the postmaster and his son, Luther, was the deputy. Daniel Holmes was the first mail carrier and his route extended from Olcott to Youngstown. Mail was delivered by stagecoach in the 1800's and by train from 1876-1932.

In 1897, Elmer Johnson was named postmaster and the post office moved into his drugstore where A Taste of New Orleans is today. When it burned down in 1901, the first permanent post office was built next to the old Hub Hotel on Young Street in 1902. Both of those businesses burned down in 1980. Temporary quarters were set up in a shop across the street until the present post office was built on the corner of Seminary and McChesney Streets. It was dedicated in April of 1981.

Hours are Monday-Friday from 9:30-1:00 & 2-5 and Saturday from 10-2.

WILSON FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

The first fire company was organized on Sept. 17, 1923 and the fire station was built between Exley Methodist Church and the Wilson House. It had 60 members and hand cart & hand puller trucks which were borrowed from Miller Hose in Newfane for two years. In 1925, the 1st gas powered fire engine called "Old Betsy" was shipped by railroad car from Elmira. Horses dragged it to the fire station until the mechanic arrived two days later to show the firemen how to operate it. It was their only fire truck for many years. It was completely restored in 2009.

Helen Knowles donated her old house on Young St. to the fire company in the 1930's. The first modern fire hall was built there in 1966, and the present hall was built in 1990. Today there are about 60 members and 2 pumper trucks, 1 aerial truck, 1 grass truck, a kubota, a rescue boat, and an ambulance.

Three years ago, the 960 lb. life size cast iron fireman statue was moved from outside the fire hall into the lobby. It was constructed in 1885 in the likeness of Wilson resident and fireman, George Singer. It was kept at his fire station in Lockport until he donated it to the Wilson fire hall in the 1940's.

The fire company raises money with their Lenten fish fries, field days, and gun & meat raffles. Anyone interested in joining this volunteer organization can contact Russ Jackman at 860-9169 or the fire hall at 751-6038.

FIRST NIAGARA BANK

Charles Tugwell was responsible for organizing the Wilson State Bank. The bank was built in 1913 at its present location. It changed its name to Marine Trust, Marine Midland Bank, and HSBC over the years. It became the First Niagara Bank in May of 2012. Banking hours are Mon.-Thurs. from 9-4 and Fri. from 9-5.

WILSON FREE LIBRARY

The first library was established in Arthur Dobbs' home on Pettit Street in January of 1911. He was the librarian until Jan. 1919 and earned $80 a year. The library moved to the second floor of the Blake block on Young Street, and Arthur Pease became the librarian from 1919 until 1935.

In 1929, the Charles Haner Grocery Store at 265 Young Street was purchased for $4500, and it became the permanent site of the Wilson Free Library. The former J.W. Hoyt Jewelry Store and the Esquire Restaurant on the east side of the library were purchased in January 1968 and remodeled into a library reading & stock room.

The Wilson Library joined the NIOGA library system in 1960. Jean Siddall was the librarian who was instrumental in orchestrating the expansion and renovation of the library in 1991. The Friends of the Library was also formed at this time. Marge Clark became the library director in 2001 and renovated a section of the library into the Teen Room. It was the first Niagara County library to purchase an e-reader in 2010.

Hours are Mon.10-8, Tues. & Wed. 2-8pm, Thurs. & Fri. 10-5, and Sat. 10-1. (It is closed on Sat. in the summer.)

NEW BUSINESSES

DOLLAR GENERAL

The grand opening is set for the end of October. The store plans to be open 7 days a week from 8am-10pm.

MILLY'S INN

1 O'Connell Island 946-8357

Diane Johnson recently opened this inn in her home next to the Sunset Grill. It has a lower level suite with 2 bedrooms, kitchen & bath and an upper level suite with 3 bedrooms, gathering area, kitchen & dining area.

The inn has wi-fi, a home theater, canoes, and a wrap around deck overlooking Milly Cook Cove in the Wilson harbor. The inn is open seasonally from April -December. Call Diane for rates and availability.

VILLAGE VIEWS

OCT. 2013

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS

The earliest school was in a log cabin one mile south of the Village of Wilson. It was established for adults in 1817. The first log schoolhouse in the Town of Wilson was built in 1819 about 1.5 miles east of the village on Lake Road. It had 12 students. The first log schoolhouse in the Village of Wilson was built in 1820 on the site where Luther Wilson later built his home in 1844 and where the Wilson House stands today.

Wilson was divided into five school districts in 1821 and 17 school districts by 1859. In 1852, a two story cobblestone school for younger children ages 8-12 was erected on Pettit Street just west of where the First Baptist Church is located today.

The Wilson Collegiate Institute was established for older children ages 12-16 in 1845. It was located on the property where the Wilson Town Hall stands today. It also held teacher training classes. The girls had to be 16 and boys had to be 18 in order to attend those classes.

The Union Free School District No. 1 was formed in 1869 by 4 of the 17 school districts and had five teachers. The first physical education classes were held in 1894.

In 1900, the condemned cobblestone part of the Collegiate Institute was replaced with a new brick Union School. It had a gymnasium, auditorium, library, and cafeteria. Rural high school students were bused to the school. The Wilson Central School District was organized in 1941. The Union School burned down in 1957.

WILSON PRE-SCHOOL

Located at the back of St. Brendan on the Lake Church, this preschool for 3 to 5 year olds was established in 2008. Laurie Muth is the owner and instructor. Morning classes are from 9:30-12:00 for 2 days (Thurs. & Fri.), 3 days (Mon.-Wed.) or all 5 days. Afternoon classes are from 12:30-3:00 on Tues. & Wed.

Visit mywilsonpreschool.vpweb.com or call 514-3178 for more information. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year begins in January.

THOMAS MARKS ELEMENTARY

In 1956, the voters approved building an elementary school one quarter of a mile east of the high school. It was built in 1957 with 16 classrooms and was named for Thomas Marks who was a Board of Education President and member. In 1960, 12 more classrooms as well as a cafeteria were added to the school. Another addition with a library and a 5th grade wing was added in 1995, and a new entryway was completed in 2008. John Diodate has been the principal since 2008. There are 289 students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school classrooms were added to the east side of the high school in 1977. A library, east cafeteria, and band & choral areas to be shared with the high school were also built at that time. In 1995, the middle school entry foyer and 1st floor classrooms were added to the west side of the middle school. Scott Benton is the principal. The school has 325 students in 6th through 8th grade.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

The high school was built in 1935 across the street from the Union School. A cupola was chosen over a pool making it the only school in the area without a pool. That is why Wilson residents have been offered free swim lessons at Linnea's Pool at the Wilson harbor every summer since 2000. Adult education classes were introduced in 1948, driver's education classes began in 1951, and special education classes were initiated in 1957.

The high school added a 2 story addition with science and art rooms on the 2nd floor in 1995. The Zipp Athletic Center was opened in 1997. It was named in honor of Richard J. Zipp who was the superintendent when it was built. He retired in 2000, and Michael Wendt became the new superintendent. In 2005, the high school added a fitness center and a new boys' locker room and renovated the girls' locker room.

Dan Johnson has been the high school principal since 1997. The school has 450 students.

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

2nd-Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
4th- Rummage Sale from 9-4 at St. John's Episcopal Church
4th- Chicken Barbecue & Basket Raffle from 4-7pm at Thomas Marks School
5th- Rummage Sale from 9-12 at St. John's Episcopal Church ($1/bag)
5th- Theme Basket Auction from 12-2pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
5th- Italian Dinner from 4:30-7:00 at Exley Methodist ($8/adults & $5 /children)
6th- Wine Tour & Dinner from 12-5pm at the Wilson House ($45)
6th- Gun Raffle from 12-5 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
12th- Wall of Fame Induction Dinner at 6pm at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
12th- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
13th-Tailgate Party from 1-5pm at The Fire House Tavern
16th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
18th- Hallowine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
19th- Hallowine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
19th- WMPA Variety Show at 7pm in the High School auditoriun
20th- Applefest from 10:30-3:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church
20th- Hallowine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
25th-Halloween Party from 9pm-? at Jean's Bar & Grill
26th- Family Fun Day from 10am-12noon at Exley Methodist Church
26th-Motorcycle Dice Run at 11am/Halloween Party after at Fire House Tavern
26th- Halloween Party from 6pm-12midnight at Woodcock Brothers Brewery
27th- Healing with Green Smoothies class from 1-2pm at Cottonwood Herbals
30th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
31st- Lions Club Halloween Parade & Party at 7pm at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall

NOVEMBER

1st- Family Movie Night at 6:30pm in the Thomas Marks School gym
2nd- Church Bazaar from 9-2 at Exley Methodist Church
2nd- Holiday Open House from 10-5 at The Garden Gate
2nd-Country Christmas Vendor & Craft Faire from 10-5 at Historical Society
2nd- Kevin Clark & Karen Cassidy perform at 7pm at St. Paul's Church
3rd- Holiday Open House from 10-5 at The Garden Gate
3rd- Meat Raffle at 1pm at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
5th- Chicken & Biscuits Dinner from 4pm-? at St. John's Episcopal Church
6th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
8th- Share the Bounty Wine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
9th- Share the Bounty Wine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
10th= Share the Bounty Wine Tour from 12-8 at Lakefront Olive Orchard
10th-Tailgate Party from 1-5pm at The Fire House Tavern
14th- Musical at 7pm in the High School auditorium
15th- Musical at 7pm in the High School auditorium
16th- Musical at 7pm in the High School auditorium
17th-The Fire House Tavern's road trip to the Buffalo Bills game from 9am-?
17th-One Year Anniversary Party from 12-8pm at Woodcock Brewery
20th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
20th- Fall Sports Awards at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium
23rd-Volley for Life at 5pm in the Zipp Gym
24th- Chili Cook-off from 12-5pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
23rd- Volley for Life at 5pm in the Zipp Gym
24th- Chili Cook-Off from 12-5pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
27th-Thanksgiving Party from 8pm-2am at The Fire House Tavern

DECEMBER

4th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
4th-Middle School Choral Concert at 7pm in High School auditorium
6th- Friends of the Library Cookie Sale from 9am-? at Lakeside IGA
8th- Sanborn Band Holiday Concert at 2pm at the Historical Society
11th- Middle School Band Concert at 7pm in High School auditorium
12th- Cares & Shares celebration at 2pm at Thomas Marks School
14th- Wilson Library's Christmas Tour of Homes from 12-4pm ($20)
14th- Kids Christmas Party at 1pm at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
14th- A Very Country Christmas from 3-6pm throughout the Village
15th-Christmas Cantata at 9:30 & 2:30 at Exley Methodist Church
17th- High School Holiday Concert at 7pm in High School auditorium
18th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
18th- Holiday Concert at 6:30 at Thomas Marks Elementary School
20th- Christmas Party from 8pm-3am at The Fire House Tavern
22nd- Community Christmas Celebration at 11am
23rd- Wilson Food Pantry open from 2-8pm for holiday meal pick up
31st- Family New Year's Eve Party from 7-9pm at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
31st- New Year's Eve Party from 8pm-2am at The Fire House Tavern
31st- Lil' Apple Ball Drop at 9pm and 12midnight at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
31st- Lakeside Blues Band at 10pm at the Wilson House

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY-	Quilting from 9am-12noon at Exley Methodist Church
	Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Church
	Grief Share program from 7-8:30 at Exley Methodist
TUESDAY-	Food Pantry open 2-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake
	Free Wii Bowling at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
	Yoga from 7-8:15pm in the High School gym
WEDNESDAY-	Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's
THURSDAY-	Adult Volleyball from 8-10pm in the High School gym
	Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill
FRIDAY-	PULSE (Gr. 8-12) from 9-11pm at First Baptist

VILLAGE VIEWS

JAN. 2014

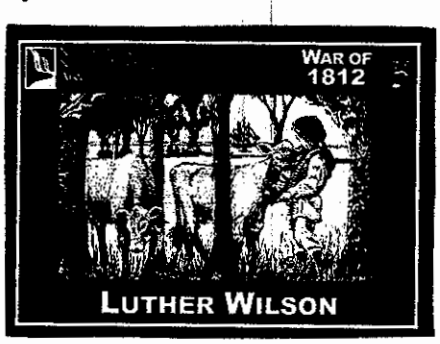
Dear Village Resident,

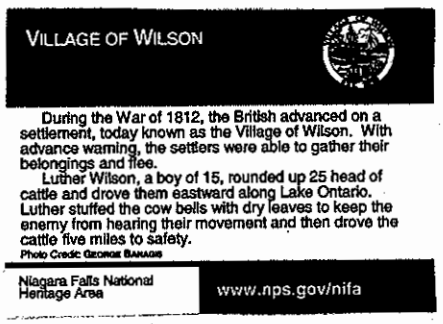
Happy New Year!

The New Year brings the opportunity to REFLECT on the PAST and PLAN for the FUTURE.

2013 brought our community great summer events, the opening of the Wilson Dog Park, and new businesses calling the Village home. The Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades are finally complete, and we are now in full compliance with the DEC. Sadly, First Niagara Bank will close on March 7th. The Village Board has established a committee to work on bringing a new bank to Wilson. Mary Palacios, Jim Bowman, Nancy Freischlag, and Jeanine Johnson are part of the team. If anyone has an idea or a contact, please let us know so that the committee can pursue every lead.

The end of December marked the 200th anniversary of the burning of the settlement where the Village of Wilson stands today. Thanks to our own Bob Kane, a commemorative card of this event will be available in every National Park across America. Special thanks to George Banagis, local artist, whose beautiful commemorative drawing graces the front. A full color version can be seen at the Village office and the Wilson Free Library.





Let's look forward to a great 2014 filled with possibility.

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor

F.Y.I.

No parking is allowed on the Village streets from 2-7am from Nov. 1st through April 15th.

Village water bills must remain in the homeowner's name. If you are a renter, you may contact the Village office to find out the amount due. Bills are mailed on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1.

Contact the Village office to get an absentee ballot if you are going to be out of town for the March 18th Village election for trustee.

Modern Disposal encourages people to recycle their CFL bulbs at either Home Depot or Lowes.

Village law 139-8 states that it is illegal to shovel or plow snow onto the Village streets or sidewalks.

Thomas Marks Elementary School needs volunteers to help 2 students raise the flag from 8:50-9:05 one day a week. Call the school at 751-9341 (ext. 117) to volunteer.

Wilson #1 Fire Co. is selling reflective address markers. Order forms can be picked up at Champion Graphics.

The Wilson Community Pharmacy has installed a new computer system.

VILLAGE VIEWS

JAN. 2014

SPOTLIGHT ON WINERIES

MIDNIGHT RUN WINE CELLARS

3301 Brayley Road 751-6200

Owners, Michael and Linda Palczynski, started their wine business with the idea to turn grapes into an alcoholic drink to be savored when paired with creative Italian dishes. In 2002, they planted an acre of Baco Noir and Noiret red wine grapes at their house in Cambria. They planted their vineyards in Wilson during the summer of 2004, and built their winery in 2011. They opened on Dec. 14, 2011.

The tasting room and gift shop feature a country western decor. The tasting room is available for parties, banquets, and meetings. The friendly staff offers many community events including happy hours with live music and cooking with wine classes.

At the present time, they are producing 21 white, red, rose, fruit, and dessert wines. Hours are Mon. & Tues. 3-6pm, Wed. & Thurs. 1-6pm, and Fri.-Sun. 12-6pm.

VICTORIANBOURG WINE ESTATE

4402 E. Lake Road 751-6576

Victoria and Dan Hogue purchased this 50 acre nursery and shrub farm in 2005 to pursue their lifelong dream of owning a vineyard and winery. They named the winery after Victoria and added "bourg" to indicate that their wines would be modeled after the best wines in Germany and France.

They planted a few acres of vineyards in the spring of 2006 and harvested their first quantity of grapes in 2009 with the help of their two children. They converted one of the old nursery buildings into a winery & tasting room and opened for business in 2010 with their first three wines. Today they produce over 20 wines. Their hours are 12-6 on Monday through Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESSES

BONNIE'S FAMILY HAIR CARE

203 Bay Street 751-9690

Bonnie Evans began her career as a hairdresser 42 years ago. She has operated this salon in her home for the past 24 years. She offers affordable prices for cuts, perms, color, highlights, waxing, manicures, and pedicures. Haircuts are only $8 on Mondays. She is open Mon.-Sat. and closed on Fri. afternoons & Sun.

WILSON LODGE

270 Lake Street 1-561-322-6771

Believing that visitors should "come and experience the experience" of all that Wilson has to offer, Jamie O'Donnell is expanding his unique lodge with a 3rd unit. The new 2 room first floor efficiency will be ready for occupancy in April. The exterior will match the cobblestone on the electronic sign & the Wilson House. Call Jessica to make nightly or weekly reservations.

LAKESIDE IGA

Gift cards on now for sale at the front register. Store gift cards include Kmart, Sears, Macy's, JC Penney, Toys R Us, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops, and Cabela's, as well as the AMC Theaters. Restaurant gift cards include Applebee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays, and Chili's.

Specialty items can be ordered throughout the year. The deli offers meat, cheese & veggie platters. The bakery bakes breads, rolls, cookies & baked goods. The produce department makes fruit baskets, and the meat department can cut & package meat to any size.

Store hours are 7am-9pm seven days a week.

NEW BUSINESSES

LAKESHORE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

261 Young Street 751-5155

Vickey Myers Murchison and Carey O'Connor are friends who grew up in Wilson. They are opening their business on January 1st in the old Myers & Myers Photograghy Studio above The Garden Gate. They specialize in payroll, income tax, accounting, and business consulting. Hours are 8am-4pm with evening hours by appointment.

WILSON BREW CO.

315 Catherine Street 333-4029

Anne Daul originally purchased this building for a microbrewery, but decided on a coffee shop instead. It previously housed a blacksmith shop in the 1800's and a car repair shop in the 1950's, so it took over two years for her husband, Pat, to renovate it. He refinished the original brick & old cement floors and created two cozy rooms with seating for 14 people to eat, visit, and use the Wi-Fi.

Opened for business on Dec. 14th, Anne presently serves gourmet coffees and teas as well as homemade baked goods. She eventually plans to offer sandwiches and homemade soups.

There will be a Grand Opening sometime in January. Hours are Tues.-Fri. 6am-3pm and Sat. & Sun. 8am-2pm.

VILLAGE VIEWS

JAN. 2014

SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1833, a Baptist society was formed in Wilson. They worshipped in a cobblestone schoolhouse until Luther Wilson donated the land on Pettit Street where a frame church was erected. It burned down in 1917, and the present church was built in 1920.

First Baptist has become known as the "church without walls". One Sunday a month, it holds "Samaritan Sunday" and serves residents by helping them with fix-it projects. It provides annual community events such as an outdoor Easter Sunday evening celebration on Young Street and a Christmas celebration in the high school auditorium. It organizes A Very Country Christmas, a Village wide event where churches and businesses host a variety of activities one day in Dec. The church also sponsors Wilson's Amazing Race in June and opens its doors on Friday nights from 9-11pm for PULSE, a youth group for all Wilson students in grades 8-12.

Pastor Stephen Hay is from Scotland. He became the Youth Pastor in 2008 and the Teaching & Outreach pastor in 2010. Tim Bach is the Community & Worship pastor. The church is also led by three elders. Sunday service is at 10:00.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Called "The Little Church with a Big Heart", St. Paul's was founded in 1936 by Rev. Albert Glessner. The church was built in 1938 on the former site of a hospital, the American Hotel, and the Tower House.

A bell tower was erected in 1989 and dedicated in the memory of founding members, Holger & Harriet Jensen. Parish Hall was added in 1992 to accommodate Sunday School, fellowship, and community services. The worship area was remodeled in 2000. The Ganshaw house was purchased in 2003 for rental housing, but it was eventually demolished and the property is now used for parking.

The church's focus is on worship, missions, and education. The music ministry has vocal & bell choirs, and the Angel Tree Ministry purchases Christmas gifts & hosts a party for children who have a parent in jail. Quilting for Missions makes quilts for disaster areas as well as Children's Hospital and Roswell. Knit-wits knit caps for Chemo patients, hats & booties for infants, hats & mittens for children, and shawls for the elderly.

The congregation supports an orphanage in Haiti, hosts a Red Cross blood drive every 8 weeks, and provides a Used Clothing Drop Off Box behind the church.

Originally hired as an interim minister in Jan. 1988, Pastor Ron Haefer has remained as St. Paul's minister for the past 26 years. The church service is at 10:30.

EXLEY METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Episcopal Society was incorporated on Jan. 2, 1836 and a church was built on the north side of 338 Lake Street. It was eventually sold to William Albright for the Albright Opera House. The santuary on Lake and High Streets was built in 1885 as a memorial to Lottie Harness Exley, a young member who died in 1883. The Fellowship Hall was added in the late 1940's.

Over the years, the church has hosted a food pantry and Boy Scout & Cub Scout troops. It now hosts the early release Bible program for elementary students on Mondays and a Grief Share group on Tuesdays. The church has community potluck suppers on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month and fellowship dinners one Saturday a month. It also has a rummage sale in May, a Spaghetti Dinner in October, an Annual Country Bazaar in November, and a Christmas Cantata in December.

Rev. John Loeser has been the minister since July 2011. Sunday service is at 9:30.

ST. BRENDAN ON THE LAKE

Father Vincent McCarthy had a Catholic church built at 431 Lake Street in 1920. It could hold about 75 parishioners. The former Presbyterian church at 345 Lake Street was built in 1896. After the Niagara Presbytery dissolved in 1930, the Catholic Diocese purchased that church in 1931 and sold their other church to the Episcopal congregation. The new Catholic Church was named Our Lady of the Rosary.

St. Brendan on the Lake formed in 2008 with the merger of St. Bridget's in Newfane, St. Charles Borromeo in Olcott, and Our Lady of the Rosary in Wilson. The church houses the Wilson Community Food Pantry and the Wilson Pre-School.

Rev. Jozef Dudzik celebrates Mass at 4:00 on Saturdays and 11:00 on Sundays.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's Mission was organized in 1930, and the church building at 431 Lake Street was purchased from the Catholic church in 1931. In 1953, it began sharing a priest with St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Burt. St. John's became a parish instead of a mission in 1981.

The church hosts an Applefest in October, an Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner in November, and rummage sales in May and October. The church's main emphasis is on outreach. It supports an orphanage for girls in Honduras named "Little Roses", the Lioness Project which makes quilts for children in hospitals, and the coat drive and the Wilson Community Food Pantry.

Rev. Judith Lee is the priest. Sunday service is at 9:00.

VILLAGE VIEWS

JAN. 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

11th- Bullhead & Exp. Sandwiches bands from 6-9pm at Woodcock Brothers
15th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
17th- PTA Movie Night at 6:30 at Thomas Marks Elementary School
17th- Mombrea Brothers at 9pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
18th- Karaoke at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
18th- Wine & Food Pairing Dinner/Jazz music at 6pm at Midnight Run
24th- "Genesis" movie & pizza at 7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
25th- Robert Burns Supper at 5pm at the Wilson House
25th- Screaming Pineapples band at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
26th- Intro. to Essential Oils class from 10-11:30 at Cottonwood Herbals
29th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
30th- On Broadway Concert at 7pm in the High School auditorium
31st- Happy Hour & Adam's Acoustic Project music 6-9pm at Midnight Run

FEBRUARY

2nd- Super Bowl Party all day at The Fire House Tavern
5th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
7th- PTA Founder's Day Dance & Book Fair from 6-8pm at Thomas Marks
9th- Wine Tasting at 2pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
12th- Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 from 4-9pm at the Wilson House
13th- Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 from 4-9pm at the Wilson House
14th- Be Mine with Wine 12-5: Victorianbourg,Midnight Run,Lakefront Ol. Or.
14th- Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 from 4-9pm at the Wilson House
14th- Valentine's Day Party from 8pm- 3am at The Fire House Tavern
15th- Be Mine with Wine 10-5: Victorianbourg,Midnight Run,Lakefront Ol. Or.
15th- Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 from 4-9pm at the Wilson House
16th- Be Mine With Wine 12-5: Victorianbourg,Midnight Run,Lakefront Ol. Or.
19th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
19th- Medicine Cabinet Makeover class 7-8:30pm at Cottonwood Herbals
22nd- Cooking with Wine from 4-6pm at Midnight Run Wine Cellars
22nd- Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner from 4-7 at St. John's Church
27th- Jurassic Park MS musical at 7pm in High School auditorium
28th- Happy Hour with live music from 6-9pm at Midnight Run Winery
28th- Jurassic Park MS musical in 7pm in High School auditorium

RECYCLING DATES :

January 2, 15, & 29
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26

MARCH

1st- Country Hoedown / Karaoke at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
4th- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 4-7 at St. John's Church
5th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
7th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
9th- Brunch from 9-1 at South Wilson Fire Hall
13th- St. Patrick's Day concert at 7pm in the HS auditorium
14th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
15th- St. Patrick's Day Party from 7pm-3am at The Fire House Tavern
16th- Brunch from 9-1 at South Wilson Fire Hall
16th- Celtic music and menu from 3:30-6:30 at the Wilson House
18th- Village election from 12noon- 9pm at the Wilson Town Hall
19th- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
20th- Winter Sports Awards at 6:30pm in the High School auditorium
21st- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
23rd- Brunch from 9-1 at South Wilson Fire Hall
28th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
28th- Marriage Conference from 6:30-8:30pm at First Baptist (free)
28th- "Courageous" movie & pizza at 7pm at St. Paul's Church
29th- Marriage Conference from 9-4 at First Baptist Church (free)
29th- Karaoke at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
30th- Brunch from 9-1 at South Wilson Fire Hall
30th- Healing with Green Smoothies 10-11:30 at Cottonwood Herbals

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY-
Quilting from 9-12 at Exley Methodist Church
Homework Club (MS/HS) at 3-4:30 at the Wilson Library
Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

TUESDAY-
Wilson Food Pantry 2-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake
Grief Share group at 6:30pm at Exley Methodist Church
Free Wii Bowling at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill

WEDNESDAY-
Quilting for Missions from 9-12 at St. Paul's Church

THURSDAY-
Preschool Storyhour from 2-3pm at the Wilson Library
Homework Club (MS/HS) at 3-4:30 at the Wilson Library
Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill
Adult Volleyball from 8-10pm in the High School gym

FRIDAY-
PULSE (Gr. 8-12) from 9-11pm at First Baptist Church

VILLAGE VIEWS

April 2014

Dear Village Resident,

Spring is here- I think. It's been a long winter, and I know that everyone is looking forward to spring and summer.

I want to congratulate our new Village Trustee, Gary Darnell. I'm sure that he will provide our village with outstanding service. I also want to thank Jim Madan for his exhausting work as Trustee. He was a valuable source as we worked through many issues this year.

The Village Board approved recommendations of the newly established Water Committee composed of Ellen Colangelo, Keith Dixon, and Scott Benton. The Water Committee's purpose is to investigate issues regarding water usage and high bills. If you think there is an issue with your water bill:

1. **Put the problem in writing and give it to the Village Clerk who will then notify the D.P.W.**
2. **The D.P.W. will instruct the homeowner to monitor his/her water usage.**
3. **The D.P.W. will investigate the potential problem.**
4. **Upon the conclusion of the investigation, the Water Committee will review & submit its findings to the Village Board.**
5. **The Village Board will review and determine a resolution.**

In addition, when a resident files a building permit for a pool, he will be given a sewer credit which allows him to fill the pool. The resident will only be responsible for paying for the water and not for the sewer.

I hope that everyone enjoys wonderful weather and our exciting events this spring.

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor

MEET THE NEWEST VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Gary Darnell was elected the Village of Wilson Trustee on March 18th. He has lived in Wilson all of his life and moved to the village when he married his wife, Tammy, 30 years ago. Their son, Brandon, and his wife, Tara, are Town of Wilson residents.

Gary has worked for the Department of Defense division of the New York Army National Guard for 33 years. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2012. For over 30 years, he has been a fireman with the Wilson Volunteer Fire Company #1.

Being involved with the fire company and the Army National Guard, Gary felt he needed a change of direction and wanted to get involved in local government. He believes that his experiences as Fire Chief of the fire company and 1st Sergeant in the Army National Guard as well as having worked with budgets on a daily basis will be beneficial to the Village of Wilson.

He feels that the village will move forward and become a better place under the direction of the mayor and the trustees. He hopes for better village resident participation at the monthly meetings. His goal is to create a closer working relationship with the town board and the school board. He wants to develop unique ideas and to find solutions to lessen the tax burden on the Town and Village of Wilson residents.

F.Y.I.

- **Pothole repair on Young St. is beiug maintained by Niagara County. Rt. 425 is a state road and New York State is responsible for its maintenance.**
- **If you are planning an event on a village street or park, contact the Village Clerk's office to fill out event paperwork.**
- **Kindergarten enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is underway at Thomas Marks Elementary School. Parents should contact the school office at 751-9341 ext. 117 before May 1st. Orientation is on May 7th & 8th. Kindergarten screenings will be held at Thomas Marks from May 19th- May 22nd.**
- **Wilson #1 Fire Company is selling reflective address markers. Mailbox numbers are $20 and house numbers are $18. Order forms can be picked up at Champion Graphics.**

RECYCLING DATES:

April 9 & April 23
May 7 & May 21
June 4 & June 18

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VILLAGE VIEWS

HISTORY OF WILSON

The first settlers arrived in 1808. Henry Lockwood from Canada purchased 100 acres in the NE part of town, and Robert Waterhouse from Connecticut bought land in the south part of town. In 1809, Stephen Sheldon from Jefferson County purchased 720 acres near the west branch of 12 Mile Creek. Reuben Wilson, Gilbert Purdy, and John Eastman came from Toronto in 1810. Wilson bought 170 acres, and Purdy & Eastman each purchased 100 acres.

During the War of 1812, George Ash warned the settlers that the British were coming. 15 year old Luther Wilson rounded up 25 head of cattle, put dry leaves in their cow bells to silence them & drove them 5 miles away to safety.

The first saw mill and log schoolhouse were built in 1815. In 1818, T.T. Upton opened the first tavern west of the village. The Town of Wilson, formerly part of the Town of Porter, was officially formed in 1818.

In 1824, Henry Johnson became Wilson's first blacksmith and Jonathan Thayer was its first physician. The first post office also opened that year with Reuben Wilson as its postmaster. In 1825, the Wilsons built a grist mill and a store, and Simon Sheldon started the first tannery. Peter Furrow from Massachusetts was the mason who worked on all of the early mills and buildings here from 1824-1840.

Reuben and Luther Wilson laid out the lots on the north side of Young Street for the first stores and houses in 1827. In 1829, a tavern was added to Reuben Wilson's store on the west end of Young Street. The Wilsons built the cobblestone Ontario House on the corner of Lake & Young Streets in 1834. It burned down in 1894.

Luther Wilson enlarged the grist mill with steam power in 1837. In 1844, he built an historic home which is now the Wilson House and was also elected to the state assembly.

The Secretary of War granted permission to have two piers built 200 ft. in length extending into Lake Ontario at the mouth of 12 Mile Creek in 1846. Congress declared Wilson a port of entry in 1848. During the mid 1800s, Wilson was known for being the heart of the fruit belt as well as a thriving lumber and ship building port.

Luther Wilson donated 7 acres of land for the Greenwood Cemetery in 1851. He died and was buried there in 1890.

The Village of Wilson was incorporated on May 11, 1858. It included 416 acres of land and had a population of 715 residents. It had 3 dry goods stores, 3 grocery stores, and several mechanic shops.

The Wilson Star was the first newspaper. It was published from 1878 until 1958. From 1890-1910, Wilson was a booming resort town favored for its fine hotels, boating, fishing, and other recreational activities. Today, Wilson is a waterfront attraction during the summer and a destination for numerous events throughout the year.

OLDEST RESIDENCES IN THE VILLAGE

173 YOUNG STREET

Reuben Wilson's log cabin was constructed on this site in 1818. The present home was built there in 1824. The architectural style of this house is Italianate Cottage. At various times over the past two centuries, it was a post office, general store, tavern, and meeting place. The beams in the basement are made of logs with bark still on some of them, and the kitchen cupboards were originally painted a fire engine red. Herbert and Sheila Wills have been the owners since 1986.

188 YOUNG STREET

Jamie O'Donnell has owned this 1820s Greek Revival/ Gothic style home for the past seven years. It has the original hardwood floors in the living room. The dining room and front porch have the original plank floors. The trees in the front yard and in the backyard are over 100 years old.

317 YOUNG STREET

This altered Italianate style home was built in the 1820s. It used to be attached to 270 Lake Street which is now the Wilson Lodge. Jamie O'Donnell's grandfather moved it to its present location in the 1950s, and Jamie's grandparents lived there. The dining room has its original hardwood floors. Jamie has been the owner for five years.

283 WILCOX STREET

Owner, Shirley Roberts, has lived in this altered 1820s Greek Revival/T-shaped style home since 1967. The kitchen maintains some of its history with wood cupboards containing five shelves and double doors. One bedroom used to have a door to the kitchen, but it was panelled over. There are two original front porches. One leads into the living room, and the other one leads into the dining room. The basement is only under the living room and one bedroom. The backyard connects to the Wilson Town Hall parking lot and the Robert R. Martin Sr. Village Park.

205 MCCHESNEY STREET

This T-shaped farmhouse was built in the 1820s and was once used as a greenhouse. It has a coal shoot and double cobblestone walls with log beams in the basement crawl space. It was updated with an addition. Denis and Candace Redmond have owned the house since 2006.

211 PETTIT STREET

Norman and Dorothy Thilk moved into this 1820s Greek Revival house in 1946. It has sawed lumber framing and plank floors. It also has a brick exterior which was rare for that time period.

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VILLAGE VIEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

CROSSBORDER BLUES, BREWS & QUE

The planning committee is looking for volunteers for their 4th annual event on June 14th and 15th in the Woodcock Brothers Brewery parking lot. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Wilson House. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile fundraiser, contact Kathy O'Keefe at ktokeefedesigns2@aol.com or go to their website at www.crossborderbbq.com for more information.

BROWNIES EATS & TREATS

Brownies will open for the season on April 11th. It will be open seven days a week. Hours will vary according to the weather.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library membership campaign is underway. Please consider becoming a "friend" or renew your membership if you already are one. If you didn't receive a form in the mail, you can pick one up at the Wilson Free Library.

Their spring/summer fundraiser will begin in April with the sale of $10 coupons for the Wilson Boat House or Sunset Grill. Shelly Elia Evans will donate 25% of the proceeds to the Friends of the Wilson Free Library. Coupons will be on sale at the library or either of those restaurants.

LAKEFRONT OLIVE ORCHARD

Lakefront Olive Orchard, Victorianbourg Wine Estate, and Midnight Run Wine Cellars are participating in three Wine Trail events this spring. Taste of the Trail will be on April 4-6 and April 11-13. Wine Trail Blossoms will be on May 9-11, and Wine & Cheese will be on June 13-15.

MYERS ACCOUNTING SERVICE

The new management team of Matt Myers, Jeanine Johnson, and Ted Purvis have changed the name of their business to Tax & Accounting Consultants of WNY. They offer income & sales tax preparation and payroll & bookkeeping services. They also provide bill paying assistance for the elderly as well as QuickBooks & wealth management consultations. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm.

WILSON ALL- SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

The Wilson All-Sports Booster Club is a not-for-profit organization that helps support the Wilson Central School District's athletic teams and programs. In order to properly subsidize the athletic teams, the Booster Club relies on fundraising events. These events include the concession stand sales at home games along with the Wilson Wall of Fame golf tournament, poster advertising, and the Reverse Draw.

The Booster Club is in need of assistance in making their 4th Annual Reverse Draw event on April 26th at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall a success. They are asking area merchants and community members for all types of donations for the prizes, basket raffle, and live auction. Your donation will be acknowledged in the program. Contact Jeffrey Roth at 751-9341 ext. 175 for more information.

WILSON BOAT HOUSE & SUNSET GRILL

The Wilson Boat House will open for the season on April 18th. They will be serving Easter brunch from 10-2:30 and Easter dinner from 4-9 on April 20th. Sunset Grill will open on May 1st. Both restaurants will be open from Thurs. - Sun. in the spring.

WILSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Wilson Community Food Pantry committee would like to thank all of the businesses, churches, schools, and individuals who helped keep their shelves stocked for those in need in our community. They serviced over 100 families in 2013. Donations of food and personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes & toothpaste as well as dish & laundry detergent are always welcome. If you know of someone in need, please encourage them to visit the food pantry on Tuesdays from 2-8pm at the back of St. Brendan on the Lake Church.

WILSON DOG PARK

The Wilson Dog Park opened on May 22, 2013 at Krueger Park. The dog park has shade trees, picnic benches, art work, and a water faucet & bowls to provide fresh water for the dogs. The agility equipment was constructed by a local Boy Scout for his Eagle Scout project. The dog park is now lighted until 9pm, and a foot locker has been provided for dog waste bag storage. Donations of hole free plastic bags are always welcome.

The next project planned is to install a handicapped accessible walkway from the parking lot on Route 18 to the fenced in dog park. This walkway will be laid along a wooded area and will include benches and a sculpture garden. The design, construction, and maintenance are all funded with donations. If you would like to help, contact Betty Haag at 751-4146.

WILSON LODGE

The Wilson Lodge's newly constructed first floor unit will be available for nightly or weekly accommodations in mid April. Call 1-561-322-6771 to make a reservation for any of the 3 units.

WILSON MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The WMPA exists to provide extraordinary musical experiences for Wilson students and the community. This association raises money for the school's music program with Zap-a-Snack sales, fruit sales, and an ongoing bottle return in Wrights Corners. It also hopes to have an annual fundraising dinner with a basket raffle and entertainment each spring.

The money raised allows them to present a Middle School drama or musical each year and a High School drama or musical every other year. WMPA also sponsors vocal & instrumental MS and HS concerts every December & May as well as Sing for a Cure, Jazz on the Green, and a Celtic Cross performance. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the chorus room.

WINEFEST

Artists and crafters are needed for the Winefest event on August 2nd. To sell your creations, contact Judy at 531-6468.

VILLAGE VIEWS

April 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

2nd- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
4th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
5th- Italian Dinner from 4:30-7:00 at Exley Methodist Church
5th- Bandits game bus trip leaves The Fire House Tavern at 5pm
6th- Brunch from 9-1 at the South Wilson Fire Hall
9th- Healing with Green Smoothies 7-8pm at Cottonwood Herbals (free)
11th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
12th- Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast from 9-12 at Exley Methodist (free)
12th- Wine Tour pick up at 9:30am at The Fire House Tavern
12th- Three Green Band from 10pm-2am at Jean's Bar & Grill
13th- Brunch from 9-1 at the South Wilson Fire Hall
16th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
18th- Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
18th- Happy Hour with live music from 6-9pm at Midnight Run
18th- Black Widow band from 7-10pm at Woodcock Brothers Brewery
18th- Easter Party with a DJ at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
18th- Commie Hunters band from 10pm-2am at Jean's Bar & Grill
19th- Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at 11am at Wilson Historical Society
19th- Bill Coleman Race Party/Sudden Urge band 6pm Fire House Tavern
20th- Easter Brunch (11-2:30) & Easter Dinner (3-7) at the Wilson House
21st- Register for Bullhead Contest at Jean's Bar & Grill ($20)
21st- Celebrate Gardening & Nature at 6:30 at Wilson Library (5-7 yr. olds)
25th- Bullhead Contest begins at 6pm
26th- Wine Education with wine & food pairings at 4pm at Midnight Run
26th- All-Sports Booster Club Reverse Draw at 6pm at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
26th- Adult Fellowship games & dessert at 6-8pm at Autumnview Estates
26th- Pajama Party at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
26th- Shock Top sampling/Karaoke from 9pm-2am at Jean's Bar & Grill
27th- Bullhead Contest weigh in at 1pm sharp at Jean's Bar & Grill
28th- Do You Remember? program at 7pm at the Historical Society
30th- Community Potluck Dinner at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church

MAY

2nd- Rummage Sale from 9-4 at St. John's Episcopal Church
3rd- Rummage Sale from 9-12 at St. John's Episcopal Church ($1/bag)
3rd- Theme Basket Auction at 12 noon at the Wilson Conservation Club
7th- MS Vocal Concert & Awards at 7:30pm in the HS auditorium
10th- Craft & Vendor Show from 10-6 at Midnight Run Wine Cellars
10th- Adult Community Fellowship at 7pm at Exley Methodist Church
10th- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
11th- Mother's Day Breakfast at 8:30am at First Baptist Church
11th- Craft & Vendor Show from 10-6 at Midnight Run Wine Cellars
11th- Mother's Day Brunch (11-2:30) & Dinner (3-7) at the Wilson House
15th- Spring Concert at 6:30pm in the Thomas Marks school gym
16th- MS/HS BOGO Book Fair & Basket Raffle from 8am-3pm in Room 18
17th- Community Days from 10am-1pm at the Wilson VFC #1
17th- Pulled Pork Dinner from 4-7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church
17th- 80's Costume Party with prizes at 8pm at The Fire House Tavern
19th- MS/HS BOGO Book Fair & Basket Raffle from 8am-3pm in Room 18
20th- MS/HS BOGO Book Fair & Basket Raffle at 8am-7:30pm in Room 18
20th- School Budget Vote from 10am-8pm in the Zipp Gym foyer
20th- PTSA Cook-out from 12-7pm in front of the Zipp Gym
21st- MS Band Concert & Awards at 7:30pm in the HS auditorium
24th- Samples & Demo from 12-2 at Cottonwood Herbals (free)
26th- Memorial Day Fair from 8-4 at the Wilson Historical Society
26th- Memorial Day Fair from 9-3 at First Baptist Church
28th- HS Band Concert & Awards at 7:30pm in the HS auditorium
30th -Happy Hour with live music from 6-9pm at Midnight Run
31st- Beer, Ball & Boxing Tournament at 7pm at The Fire House Tavern

JUNE

4th- HS Vocal Concert & Awards at 7:30pm in the HS auditorium
7th- WWG Kids Kite Day from 1-3pm at Krueger Park
7th- Wilson Dog Paddle from 10-3 at the Island Yacht Club
7th- WCEC 5K Salmon Run begins at 5pm at Clark's Park
9th- Spring Sports Awards at 6:30pm in the HS auditorium
11th- WMPA Jazz on the Green at 7pm in front of the High School
11th- Healing with Green Smoothies 7-8pm at Cottonwood Herbals (free)
12th- HS Class Night at 7pm in the HS auditorium
13th- HS Moving Up Day at 1:20pm in the HS auditorium
13th- Flag Day ceremony at 2pm at Thomas Marks Elementary School
13th- Wilson's Amazing Race from 7-9pm begins at First Baptist Church
14th- Soccer Tournament
14th- Conservation Club's Kids Fishing Derby from 8am-12noon
14th- Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que from 12-9 at the Brewery
14th- Adult Community Fellowship at 7pm at Exley Methodist Church
14th- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
15th- Soccer Tournament
15th- Crossborder Blues, Brews & Que from 12-8 at the Brewery
16th- MS Last Day Awards
16th- Lions Club Awards Night at 6pm at the Wilson Boat House
21st- Amateur Radio Field Days from 2pm-midnight at Historical Society
22nd- Amateur Radio Field Days from midnight-2pm at Historical Society
27th- WWG Super Cruise from 6-9pm on Young Street
27th- Happy Hour with live music from 6-9pm at Midnight Run
28th- HS Graduation at 9am at Artpark
29th & 30th- Free Fishing Days in NYS

July 2014

VILLAGE VIEWS

Dear Village Resident,

Our summer is off to a great start with the very successful Memorial Day Fair, WCEC Salmon Run, Wilson Dog Paddle, Kite Day, Amazing Race, Crossborder Blues, Brews & Ques plus a terrific Wilson Soccer Tournament and the WWG 17th Annual Super Cruise. The full line up of summer events is located in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

Please remember that summer brings a lot of motorcycles to our community. Let's all keep an extra eye out for them and have a safe summer.

Modern Disposal has named the Village of Wilson the 2013 Recycle Champions of Niagara County. 21% of the village trash was recycled. Way to go; let's keep up the good work!

The dump at the DPW has been temporarily closed. New procedures for dumping yard waste for VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY will be announced shortly.

As many of you know, a petition to compel the Village Board to have a vote on the dissolution of the Village of Wilson was presented at the May board meeting. At the last meeting on June 19th, the Board passed a resolution to hold the vote on Tuesday, August 26th from noon-9pm at the Town Hall. All eligible voters who reside in the village can vote. I have had many conversations with the Dept. of State regarding the process of dissolution. If the village voters choose to reject the dissolution, then no study or plan will be made and the subject will be closed. If the village voters choose in favor of dissolution, a plan will be developed between the Village and Town and we will look at four key areas.

- Assets (ex. Village Parks, Wastewater Treatment Plant, etc.)
- Personnel
- Impact on taxes
- Services the Town of Wilson will take over

This will give us a clear picture of how dissolution will impact our community. The plan will then be presented to the community for review. If the plan is favorable, then dissolution will take place. If it is not favorable, then a second petition can be carried to compel a second vote to accept or reject the plan. This is like an "escape clause". Prior to the vote, there will be two Village Board Meetings on July 17th and August 21st at the Town Hall at 7pm. This will allow residents to get any of their questions answered prior to the vote and make their decision from a position of information rather than emotion.

This is a time for us to look at what the future holds for our community. As always, I can be reached at 238-5968.

Looking forward to a beautiful summer!

Bernie Leiker
Village Mayor

F.Y.I.

New water rates for the Village of Wilson residents go into effect on July 1st. The new amount is $3.55 per 1,000 gallons.

The Village of Wilson is looking for a new Crossing Guard. The job will begin in September of 2014. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Village Clerk at 751-6764. The final day to apply is July 17th.

The Town Wide Garage Sale will take place on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th from 8am-4pm. Sign up at the Village or Town Clerk's office by July 9th. Maps will be available on July 14th.

July 2014

VILLAGE VIEWS

HISTORY OF SUNSET ISLAND

Sunset Island was originally a peninsula that extended west from the mouth of 12 Mile Creek to Roosevelt Beach. By 1920, the strip of land connecting it to Roosevelt Beach had been washed away. Today a sandbar across the former West Branch's inlet connects it to the mainland.

Shacks were built along the east end to house the men working on the government piers in 1868. In 1870, Henry Putnam erected a boatyard on the west end and built 4 sailing ships.

George Moule purchased the central and eastern parts of the island in 1883. He planted wheat in the central part, a fruit orchard in the east, and cabbage in between. In 1888, 40 foot lots and Maple Grove Park were created in the center part of the island. Moule built a cottage on the harbor side and his nephew, Miles Vosburg, resided there.

J.Jacob Miller from Pittsburgh took over Maple Grove Park in 1889 and began building cottages. He installed a power system for electricity and erected a water tower to supply running water to the cottages. He built a store, an octagon community hall, and a large hotel called the Vendome. After it burned down, another hotel called the Glendora was constructed in its place. It was later renamed the Pittsburgh Hotel. That hotel burned down in 1913 and was never replaced. Miller also built a boathouse, rented rowboats, and operated a coal run ferry called the "Dusquesne". It was eventually replaced by a gas powered ferry called the "O-So-Ezie".

In 1910, Tugwell and Elwood purchased the eastern end of the island and named it Lake Island Park North. Fred Goodman built the first year round house known as "Tin Cottage". He kept a cow there to supply him with milk. The Sunset Beach Colony, Inc. was formed in 1924 and is still the governing body of the 83 houses on Sunset Island today.

HISTORY OF CLARK ISLAND

The eastern end of Sunset Island and what is now the Tuscarora Yacht Club and the Clark property was originally known as Lake Island Park. This area was established in the 1890's as a tourist destination. The park had refreshment stands, a baseball diamond, and an outdoor theater where plays were performed. It also had a steam powered merry-go-round, a toboggan waterslide, and the Tugwell Cottage guest house.

During the 1960's, Floyd "Red" Clark purchased the area, leveled off the higher portion to increase its size, and made it suitable for marina use. Mary Clark's home sits on the former site of the dance pavilion and the Tuscarora golf course clubhouse.

HISTORY OF O'CONNELL ISLAND

During the 1920's, there was a removable footbridge across Tuscarora Bay. It connected the NW part of O'Connell Island to the old Sunset Island store and was used for winter access to the mainland by the Sunset Island residents.

After WWII, Bill Beccue bought the land and renamed it Beccue Island. He removed the footbridge and built a roadway over the narrow channel. Today this area includes Sunset Bay Marina, the Island Yacht Club, and Sunset Grill. Sunset Grill was originally the Island Yacht Club's clubhouse. It was built from the large pine trees on the island. Dean Johnson bought Beccue Island in 1980 and changed the name back to O'Connell Island.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE WILSON HARBOR

BACK OF THE MOON GIFTS & GALLERY

Mary Mullett-Flynn opened her shop on May 17, 2014. She is a watercolor artist with over 15 years experience. Her daughter, Maggie Flynn-Farley, is an oil painter.

Her store sells their original watercolor and oil paintings & prints. Mary transposes paintings onto notecards, matchboxes, and pillows. She sells cute wish bags containing matchboxes, bubbles, and candles. She also sells tooth fairy pillows for lost teeth and magic gift pillows for special items. She also has Sunset Island and Wilson Harbor picture pillows for sale.

Mary can take any image (photos or artwork) and transpose it onto a pillow. For example, she can transpose a picture of your children, pets, house, boat, or a special occasion onto a pillow. The pillow costs $30 and will be available in 7-10 days.

If you are interested in purchasing a one of a kind item, visit Mary's unique shop on Mondays from 1-7pm, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-7pm, or Sundays from 1-6pm. For more information, call her at 875-1325 or 751-6489.

COLVILLE OUTFITTERS & CUSTOM TACKLE

Dan Colville, owner of a store in Hamburg known as the WNY Elite Steelhead Store, opened this shop at 126 Ontario Street during the last week of April 2014. He sells lake trolling spoons and flashers as well as live bait. In the fall, he will also sell steelhead and salmon tackle equipment.

Brands in stock include Stinger, Warrior, Dreamweaver, Pro-Troll, Off Shore Tackle and A-tom-mik. The shop also carries Northern King, Silver Streak, John King, and Simms Apparel.

For all of your fishing needs, visit the shop on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10am-6pm or call 716-572-9268 to arrange a day and time to meet Dan there.

JLC TREASURES

Joni Cimino opened her shop in the former "Vizcarra Vineyards" wine store last July. She moved it to the larger "Destinations" store later that summer.

She sells professional pictures of South African animals. She also sells clothes sized 0-4X as well as purses, jewelry, hats, and shoes. She also has retired character ornaments, used DVDs, and ice cream novelties for sale.

Hours are daily between 1-8pm. Call 807-9201 for more info.

MILLY'S TALES HARBOR WALK

This guided historic walk through the Wilson harbor began on June 27th and continues every Friday and Saturday from 8:30-10:00pm through August 30th (weather permitting).

The tour guide will describe the historical and haunted events in the harbor area. The tour begins with a bonfire at Milly's Inn, 1 O'Connell Island. Cost is $15/adult and $5/ages 12 and under. Call Milly's Inn at 946-8357 to reserve a room or to book a tour.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ORGANIZATIONS

LAKESHORE MOTHER'S CLUB

A group of Wilson mothers established this club sixty years ago as a monthly night out of the house for its 25 members. They used to have fashion shows to raise money for the Wilson Free Library. They still have a White Elephant sale every year to raise money for a $100 scholarship to give to a Wilson High School senior who is going to study either Home Economics or Early Childhood Education in college.

Presently there are about 15 members. They go out to lunch together a couple of times a year and meet for a picnic every July at the home of Mary Clark.

WILSON CONSERVATION CLUB

Known as the NYS Crossbow Capital, this hunting and fishing sportsmen club was established in 1951. This club is for those who believe in the promotion & teaching of conservation. It is dedicated to creating fellowship and the highest quality of sportsmanship among its 230 members.

The conservation club teaches state certified hunter, trapper, and archery courses. It also has summer and winter leagues for open 3D archery shoots in the woods. It sponsors a pheasant release program in October and a Kids Fishing Derby in June. There is a Spring Meat Raffle, a Fishing Tackle Raffle, a Cash Raffle, and a Crossbow Raffle. The Women's Auxiliary hosts a basket raffle in May & October. Call 930-7500 for more info.

WILSON GNOSTIC GUILD

This guild was established in 1940 and federated with a national group in 1941. It supports the Wilson Free Library. The 25 members meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm to review books. Each month, one member gives a review of that month's book. This past year's topic was the Rooseveits.

The group meets at various members' homes or at the Wilson Free Library. The June meeting is held at a restaurant. Once a year, they have a joint meeting with other Gnostic Guilds and a guest speaker gives a presentation.

They provide a $200 scholarship to a deserving Wilson High School senior who will study either English or the Arts in college. The Gnostic Guild welcomes new members. For more information, call Diane Muscoreil at 751-9213.

WILSON GOLDEN AGERS

In existence for decades, this organization was chartered in May 2009. The goal of this group is to promote interest in senior activities and provide fellowship for residents 55 and older.

The group has 62 members. They meet year round on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall. There is coffee/tea at 10:00, a meeting at 11:00, a Bring Your Own Bag Lunch (dessert is provided) at noon, and a Bingo game at 1:00.

They have a Thanksgiving luncheon in Nov. and a Christmas luncheon in Dec. as well as a picnic at a park in July. They offer day trips twice a year and a weeklong trip once a year. This year they traveled to Savannah, Georgia.

Dues are $5 for the year and $1 each time you attend a meeting to cover the cost of coffee and tea. New members are always welcome. Call Sandy Yousett at 751-9284 for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

LINNEA'S SWIM SCHOOL

The swim school is broken down into four sessions: June 30-July 11, July 14- July 25, July 28- August 8, and August 11-August 22. The classes are suitable for children 6 months to 14 years of age. The program and instructors are Red Cross certified. Class times are between 9am-12noon depending on the age and skill level of the child.

Water Aerobic classes for adults are Monday through Friday from 12:00-1:00. Classes begin on Monday, June 30th.

Sponsored by the WCEC (Wilson Community Enhancement Charity), classes are free but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, call Kate Madan at 751-2001 or go to www.wcecinc.com.

PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Children ages 4 & 5 can attend this free summer recreation program held at the Wilson Free Library on either Mon. & Wed. or Tues. & Thurs. from 10:00-12:00. The program consists of stories, arts & crafts, games, supervised outdoor activities, and occasional walking field trips. The dates are from June 30th through August 1st. Registration forms are available at the Wilson Town Clerk's office or the Wilson Free Library.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The summer recreation program takes place from 9am-2:30pm on June 30th through August 1st. Children entering grades 1-4 meet at Thomas Marks Elementary School, and children entering grades 5-8 meet at the Zipp Gym. Both age groups meet at the Tuscarora State Park on Fridays.

Besides daily arts & crafts, sporting events, and games, there are swim days at Fort Niagara as well as field trips and a talent show.

There is no required time period for attendance. The program is free except for the field trips. Registration forms are available at the Wilson Town Clerk's office. Call 751-6704 for more info.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Fizz, Boom, Read! is the free summer reading program for children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade. It will be held at the Wilson Free Library from 12:30-1:30 every Thursday from July 10th through August 21st. The program offers stories, crafts, and games with a different theme each week. The themes are Weird Science, Sound & Music, Food Science, Transportation, Weather, and Celebrations. To register, either sign up at the Wilson Free Library or call 751-6070.

V.B.S.

First Baptist Church is hosting "Blast Off" for children in Pre-K through 6th Grade. They will meet from 6-8:30pm on Aug. 8th, 9:30am-12noon on Aug. 9th, at 10am on Aug. 10th. There will be games, songs, stories, and projects. Call Heidi Reisman at 390-8494 to register.

Exley Methodist Church is hosting "Workshop of Wonders" from August 11th- August 15th for Pre-K through 6th Grade. There will be a free meal from 5:30-6:00 followed by a program consisting of stories, singing, crafts, recreation, and science experiments. Pre-register at exleychurch.org or call the church at 751-6057.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

5TH- Skiffle Minstrels band from 6-9pm at the Woodcock Brewery
12TH- Free Rabies Clinic from 2-4pm at the Wilson Highway Garage
12TH- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
12TH- Karaoke at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
13TH- Lakefest/Mercyflight fundraiser from 2-9pm at Bedrock Landing
15TH- Wilson Golden Agers picnic at 12 noon at Tuscarora State Park
16TH- Hunter Training from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
18TH- Town Wide Garage Sale from 8am-4pm
18TH- Garage Sale from 9am-3pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
18TH- Hunter Training from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
18TH- Happy Hour with music by Joe Higgins at 6-9pm at Midnight Run
19TH- Town Wide Garage Sale from 8am-4pm
19TH- Garage Sale from 9am-3pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
19TH- Hunter Training from 9am-? at the Wilson Conservation Club
20TH- Garage Sale from 9am-3pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
24TH- WCEC movie at dusk at Clark's Park: The Big Chill
26TH- The Tower band at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
27TH- Black & Blues band from 1-4pm at the Woodcock Brewery

AUGUST

1ST- Trapper Training from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
1ST- Bike Nite from 5-10pm on Young Street
2ND- Trapper Training from 9am- ? at the Wilson Conservation Club
2ND- Wilson Wet 'n Wild Triathlon at 9am at Tuscarora State Park
2ND- WWG Wine & Art Fest /Farmer's Market from 2-7pm on Young St.
2ND- Wine Tasting from 2-7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
7TH- WCEC movie at dusk at Clark's Park: Frozen
9TH- WCEC Harbor Hoops beginning at 9:15am at Clark's Park
9TH- Cruzin' for the Kids/ Basket Raffle at 11am at Fire House Tavern
9TH- Adult Fellowship Potluck Supper at 5:30 at 4810 Wilson-Burt Road
9TH- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
10TH- Pet Blessing at 9:30am on the St. Paul's Lutheran Church lawn
10TH- Lions Club Barkus Day Parade from 1-3pm at Krueger Park
10TH- Sanborn Band Concert at 1:30 at the Wilson Historical Society
14TH- WCEC movie at dusk at Clark's Park: Monsters University
16TH- Savannah King concert at 7:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
16TH- Adam Acoustic Project band at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
21ST- Firemen's Field Days from 6-10pm
21ST- WCEC movie at dusk at Clark's Park: The Lego Movie
22ND- Firemen's Field Days from 6pm-12midnight
23RD- Firemen's Field Days from 12noon-12midnight/Parade at 5pm
28TH- WCEC movie at dusk at Clark's Park-: Despicable Me 2
31ST- Bravuras band from 1-4pm at the Woodcock Brewery

SEPTEMBER

13TH- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
13TH- The Tower band at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
15TH- Archery Training from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
17TH- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
17TH- Archery Training from 6-9pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
19TH- Harvest Festival from 12-5 at Victorianbourg and Midnight Run
20TH- Archery Training from 9am- ? at the Wilson Conservation Club
20TH- Harvest Festival from 10-5 at Midnight Run and Victorianbourg
20TH- Adult Fellowship bus trip to Niagara Falls- leave from Exley Church
20TH- Gun Raffle from 12:30-5:00 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
21ST- Harvest Festival from 12-5 at Victorianbourg and Midnight Run
22ND- Computer classes at 10am & 1pm at the Wilson Library (free)
23RD- Computer classes at 2pm & 5pm at the Wilson Library (free)
24TH- Computer classes at 2pm & 5pm at the Wilson Library (free)
25TH- Computer classes at 10pm & 1pm at the Wilson Library (free)
26TH- Computer classes at 10am & 1pm at the Wilson Library (free)

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS-
Quilting from 9am-12noon at Exley Methodist Church
Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

TUESDAYS-
Wilson Food Pantry from 2-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake

WEDNESDAYS-
Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's Church

THURSDAYS-
Summer Reading Program from 12:30-1:30 at Wilson Library
Clam Night beginning at 4pm at the Wilson House
Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill

FRIDAYS-
Line Dancing at 8pm at St. John's Episcopal Church ($5)
Milly's Tales Haunted Harbor Walk from 8:30-10:00pm ($5/$15)

SATURDAYS-
Milly's Tales Haunted Harbor Walk from 8:30-10:00pm ($5/$15)

RECYCLING DATES

July 2nd & July 16th & July 30th
August 13th & August 27th
September 10th & September 24th

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2014

Dear Village Resident,

As summer comes to an end, the first hint of our beautiful fall has arrived. As you can see from our event schedule, we have a jam packed fall season. Along with the WCS sports schedule, we should have something nearly every night of the week! All of these events are a great opportunity for our community to come together. Hope to see you there!

Lisa Stephens reports that the long awaited harbor dredging is underway. She is cautiously optimistic that everything is coming along. The Army Corp. of Engineers, Dept. of State, and the harbor community are all working together. Lisa says, "Looking ahead, a regional dredging plan for the future is what will be needed."

The Village Board is working hard to keep Village costs in check. We have received a $25,000 grant for sidewalk repair and continue to search out any grants and funding opportunities for projects.

Deputy Mayor Gary Darnell has been attending meetings about a Consortium on Healthcare in Niagara County. This group of towns, villages, cities and schools are working together to create a larger pool of participants and finding ways to reduce the cost of healthcare benefits in the future.

Trustee Jerry Kadryna has been working directly with Wilson Youth Baseball to assist them in the management of the baseball fields. They are looking for some volunteers to assist with field preparation and maintenance. If you are interested in helping out, leave your contact information with the Village office.

The Watch Wilson Grow "Rest Stop Redo" at Kruger Park is nearly complete. The concession stand building is receiving a facelift, and the restrooms are getting a full renovation and will be ADA compliant when they reopen next spring. This project is made possible because of a matching funds grant from the Bridge Commission given to Watch Wilson Grow in partnership with the Village.

You can contact the village office at 751-6764 or by email at villageofwilson@verizon.net. Get village updates at www.villageofwilson.org & join us on facebook.com/Village of Wilson NY.

Looking forward to a beautiful fall season.

Bernie Leiker
Mayor
238-5968

F.Y.I.

Drivers cannot turn right on red between 7 & 9 am and 2 & 4 pm on school days at the light on Lake & Young Streets. Students must be completely across the street before drivers can turn on a green light.

Leaves can be bagged and put out to the curb to be picked up on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.

Trick or Treating will take place from 4-7pm on Oct. 31st in the Village of Wilson.

Due to snowplowing, there will be NO parking on the village streets between 2-7am from Nov. 1st through April 15th.

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2014

HISTORY OF GREENWOOD VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

This memorial park was Floyd "Red" Clark's idea in 2005. Originally, it was supposed to be a memorial to the Wilson residents who served in WWII. It was eventually expanded to include Wilson residents who served in all of the wars.

Using recycled materials, he constructed an archway, 2 stone walls from a dismantled building, and railings from a bridge. The stainless steel railings and plaques, electrical work and painting, shrubbery and perennial flowers, and most of the flagpoles were all donated by the generous people of Wilson.

One wall has the donors' names as well as the names of past and present American Legion #836 members. The other wall has over 2,500 names of those who served our country. There is a flag for each branch of service, a large American flag, and a replica of the Statue of Liberty. The plaques on the flagpoles honor those who died in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. The Vietnam memorial plaque on the big rock is in memory of Michael Witkop. The flower garden is a memorial for those who died in service and are buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. The park was dedicated on Memorial Day in 2007.

In 2011, the Clark family donated the park to the Town of Wilson, and the town dedicated a plaque in memory of "Red" Clark on the wall. The Martin F. Jennings Post #836 tends to the maintenance of the monument, flags, plaques, and flowers. In November 2013, a plaque was added to the wall to honor Mr. Jennings who was killed in action in France in 1918 during WWI. This American Legion post conducts a ceremony there at 10am every Memorial Day. They are appreciative of any donations to help with the upkeep of the memorial park.

HISTORY OF THE WILSON TOWN HALL

Dorwin Bowersox was the first town clerk, and the office was in his home at 258 Lake Street. The Wilson Collegiate Institute, built in 1845 at 375 Lake St., was deeded to the Union Free School District in 1869 and was used as a school until it burned down on August 2, 1957.

The school district gave the site to the Village of Wilson. The village sold it to the town for $1.00 on March 31, 1960 with the stipulation that a town hall would be built there within three years and the town would provide them with a 12 ft. by 16 ft. room for the village office and use of the auditorium.

The Town Hall was built in 1960. It was renovated in 1991, and the section that houses the Village Clerk's Office, Assessor's Office, conference room, and basement were added that year.

MEET THE NEW CROSSING GUARD

Cheryl Cassick and her husband, Ted, have been Village of Wilson residents for twenty years. She worked as a lab technician designing orthodontic appliances for Dr. DeLuke for 15 years. She retired in 2009 and spent the next 5 winters in Sarasota, Florida. She missed her family, so she and her husband decided to live in Wilson again year round.

Cheryl's son and daughter both graduated from Wilson High School. Her three granddaughters are all 16 year old juniors at WHS this year.

She is delighted to be the new crossing guard at the light at Lake & Young St. She enjoys being out in the community, meeting new people, and working with children.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Down on Main Street is open for breakfast and lunch daily.

Fire House Tavern had the exterior wall painted a fire engine red and added a new sign. The interior walls were also repainted.

Hamilton and Clark Funeral Home has undergone some renovations. The original sign was repainted, and the concrete ramp, entrance door, and outside lighting were redone.

Homework Club for Middle School and High School students began on September 22nd at the Wilson Free Library. Free tutoring is available from 3:15-4:30 every Monday and Thursday in the Community Room.

Jean's Bar & Grill had an outdoor facelift. The front of the building has new siding, a new overhang, and a new sign.

Lakefront Olive Orchard, Midnight Run Wine Cellars, and Victorianbourg Wine Estate are participating in these Niagara Wine Trail events this fall. Hallowine is from Oct. 17-19, Share the Bounty is from Nov. 7-10, and Holiday Happenings is from Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14. Midnight Run is not included in the Hallowine event.

Preschool Story Hour will be held at the Wilson Free Library on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 beginning on October 6th. There will be stories, crafts, games, and music for children ages 3 and 4.

Wilson Elementary School is the new name for the two combined elementary schools. There are 490 students in 14 classes of Universal Pre-K through 2nd grade and 13 classes of 3rd through 5th grade. Mr. John Diodate is the principal and Mr. Michael Cancilla is in charge of the Universal Pre-K program and Director of Special Education. Mrs. Anna Hannah and Mrs. Christine Goodman are the secretaries. There are 27 classroom teachers, 22 support teachers, 10 aides, 1 other office worker, 7 cafeteria workers, and 4 custodians.

The Wilson House will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner from 12-7 on November 27th.

The Wilson Lions Club sponsored the 2nd Annual Barkus Day Parade at Krueger Park on August 10th. Dogs and their owners enjoyed dog games, contests, and a costume parade. Brownie's and Pet Supplies Plus donated the prizes. $289 was raised, and a check was presented to Betty Haag for the Wilson Dog Park during the Lions Club meeting at the Wilson House on Sept. 15th.

Wilson Golden Agers are planning a bus trip to the Station Dinner Theater in Erie, PA on Oct. 8th for lunch and a tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein called "A Few of My Favorite Things". For more info., call Sandy Yousett at 751-9284. They are also planning a motor coach bus trip to San Antonio, TX from April 17th-April 27th. Call Marilyn Harbison at 791-3965 for more details.

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct.. 2014

HISTORY OF THE COBBLESTONE HOUSES

Masons, who lost their jobs when the Erie Canal was completed, used cobblestones to build homes for the settlers on the Lake Ontario plain from 1825 until the end of the Civil War. Masons sorted the cobblestones by size & color, created a design, and set them in a soft lime mortar. The walls were 18 or more inches thick. The corners had large, smooth, square stones called "quoins", and the doors & windows had horizontal crosspieces over them called "lintels". Each home took about 3 years to build. There are ten cobblestone homes in Wilson today.

The Jesse Smith House (1833)

2995 Maple Road

This Greek Revival style house has massive woodwork which varies from room to room. There used to be a cannon on the front lawn when Robert Hedrich, a collector of early firearms and an authority of Revolutionary customs, lived there in the 1970s. Frank and Carol Nochajski purchased the home in 2007 and call it "Stone Haven".

Case Homestead (1835)

81 Lake Street

Rachel Case was an old woman who gathered cobblestones from the sands of Lake Ontario and carried them in her apron to this spot where her Dutch Colonial style home would later be built. The house was known as the "Cottage on the Lake" in the early 1900s when the government used it as a summer cottage for handicapped people. During the 1960's, the children from Wilson were given swimming lessons in the inground pool.

The living room and front entrance hall both have fireplace mantels with columns on them. When the cobblestone front wall deteriorated, it was replaced with stucco. The original home was eventually enlarged with stucco and wood additions. Ray and Ruth Tordoff have resided in the house for 34 years.

Clinton Pettit House (1835)

2471 Maple Road

This simple Greek Revival farmhouse has a 1 ½ story section parallel to the road and a one story section on the south side. The newer walls around the perimeter of the house added insulation as well as extended the interior sills to 18 inches. It was the boyhood home of Ira Pettit. He was a Union soldier who died in an Andersonville prison during the Civil War. His story is told in the book, Diary of a Dead Man. Matthew and Patricia Perry have been renovating the house since they bought it in 2000. They rebuilt the two front porches and replaced the front windows.

Exley House (1835)

2546 Maple Road

This fieldstone house sits on 25 acres with old fruit and nut trees. Mrs. Exley's sister and niece lived in the north rooms. There was no door on their wing, so they had to enter and exit through a window using a small ladder. The back of the house was three steps lower than the main house and the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gifford, lived there. The family supposedly kept cans of money under two loose floorboards in a northeast bedroom.

The house originally had 21 rooms, but 13 of them were removed by 1922. The Exley family willed two farms and a substantial cash gift to the Methodist Church. The brick church was built on Lake St. in 1884 and named after them. Kristy Carpenter has resided in the home since 2012. She decorates it with antiques to keep in character with the time period.

J. Whitlock House (1835)

2449 Maple Road

This beautifully restored cobblestone house has elaborate architectural trim. The grilles over the windows are wood which was unusual for that time period. The main entrance porch features a pair of Doric columns. The house is separated from the road by a stone well. Randall and Maureen Kleit purchased the house in 2005.

William Woodcock House (1836)

4831 Chestnut Road

William and Fanny Woodcock came from England and built a temporary cabin on a 100 acre plot on the south side of Chestnut Road in 1835. They began building this home in 1836 and completed it four years later. The stones were hauled by wagon over rough trails cut through the woods. There were many swamps, bears, and wolves to contend with during the journey from Lake Ontario to their land on Chestnut Road. The house has two fireplaces and belonged to the Woodcock family for over 100 years. The Hare family has resided here since 2000.

Morgan Johnson House (1844)

2533 Wilson Cambria Road

This house is on the site of the first adult education classes taught by Luther Wilson in 1817. The home was built by the captain of the "Milly Cook" which burned in the Wilson harbor. It is the most elaborate architecturally of the cobblestone homes. The house has an unusual recessed center entrance with limestone steps and two stone columns with Doric caps. A one story section that was the service wing extends behind the house. The home has its original small paned wood sashed windows and a 270 degree circular staircase in the center hallway.

In the front yard, there is a 500 lb. anchor which was cut off of the "Franklin Pierce" schooner during a storm in 1840. It was found on the pier in 1897 by Lawson Ackerman and his son, Jesse. They sold it to the home's previous owner, Edmund Stevens, who paid teamsters to drag it to the house.

When Anton and Arlene Schwarzmueller bought the house 13 years ago, they had the cobblestones that had fallen off of the north and south sides rebuilt. The Cobblestone Society presented them with an award in 2006 for the excellent restoration work.

Wilson House (1844)

300 Lake Street

Luther Wilson's home was built on the site of the 1820 log schoolhouse. It has a circular staircase, and some of the doorways and windows have their original trim. A double funeral was held there for Luther and his father, Reuben, in 1890.

It was known as the Wilsonian Club in the 1920s. This men's club had bowling alleys in the basement and a dance floor upstairs. The Ontario Band played music on its large porch and people danced on the roped off streets on Thursday nights during the summer. In 1947, it became a bar, restaurant & inn. It has been owned by Patricia & Norbert O'Brien since 1988 and managed by Caren Ashkar & John Cracchiola since 2005.

James Morse House (1845)

2773 Maple Road

James Morse was a farmer who began building this house on 50 acres in 1840. This 1 ½ story farmhouse has windows capped with English Gothic stone label moldings that were made in Lockport and hauled here for $10 each. Jean Richards was born and married in this house. Her family added indoor plumbing in the 1930's. Francis and Linda Gallagher purchased the home in 2008 and replaced the barn roof with galvanized aluminum. Francis recently discovered a piece of a 1832 dinner plate when he was repairing the outbuilding's foundation. The house has been on the National Register of Historic Places since August 2010.

William Wilson House (1861)

2804 Maple Road

The stones for this house were hauled by wagons from Lake Ontario. On a return trip, the horses pulled the wagon into a tree and the load of field-stones spilled onto the ground. When the house was completed, it was occupied by two families consisting of 13 people. The house belonged to members of the William Wilson family until 1934. It stood empty for 26 years until Whit Barnum bought it in 1960. One room was filled with sheep manure. It took Whit and Lois five years to make the house livable again. Lois sold it in 1993. Eoin Walsh has been the owner since 2004.

VILLAGE VIEWS

Oct. 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

1ST- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
3RD- Rummage Sale from 9-4 at St. John's Episcopal Church
4TH- Rummage Sale from 9-1 at St. John's Episcopal Church ($1/bag)
4TH- Theme Basket Auction from 12-2 at Wilson Conservation Club
7TH- Wilson Golden Agers from 10-2 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
7TH- Toe Ring Party at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
11TH- Craft & Variety Show from 9-3 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
11TH- Adult Fellowship/video presentation at 5:30 at Exley Methodist Church
11TH- Star Gazing at dusk at Krueger Park
11TH- Adam's Acoustic Project Band at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
15TH- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
17TH- Fall Harvest BBQ from 5-7pm at Wilson Elementary School
18TH- WMPA Variety Show at 7pm in the Wilson High School auditorium
19TH- Applefest from 11-3:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church
21ST- Wilson Golden Agers Birthday Party from 10-2 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
24TH- Euchre Party at 7pm at the Wilson Conservation Club
27TH-"Men of Battery M" presentation at 7pm at Wilson Historical Society
30TH- Used Book Sale from 10-5 at the Wilson Free Library
31ST- Used Book Sale from 10-5 at the Wilson Free Library
31ST- Costume Parade at 11am at Wilson Elementary School
31ST- Halloween Party & live music from 6-10pm at Woodcock Brewery
31ST- Lions Club Halloween Party at 7pm at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
31ST- Halloween Party & Costume Contest at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill

NOVEMBER

1ST- Annual Church Bazaar from 9-2 at Exley Methodist Church
1ST- Used Book Sale from 10-4 at the Wilson Free Library
1ST- Holiday Open House 10-5 & Schulze wine tasting 2-5 at Garden Gate
2ND- Holiday Open House 10-5 & Schulze wine tasting 2-5 at Garden Gate
2ND- Wine Tour & Dinner from 12-5 at the Wilson House
2ND- Turkey Raffle from 12:00-? at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
2ND- Chili Cook-off beginning at 1pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
3RD- Wilson Golden Agers from 10-2 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
4TH- Election Day voting from 6am-9pm at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
4TH- Chicken & Biscuits dinner from 4-7 at St. John's Episcopal Church
5TH- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
6TH- Clothing giveaway from 10-1 at Wilson Elementary School
6TH- Adult Community Fellowship/smoothies class at 5:30 at Exley Church
12TH- Computer classes from 2-5 and 5-8 at the Wilson Library (free)
18TH- Wilson Golden Agers Thanksgiving Dinner 10-2 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
19TH- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
19TH- Fall Sports Awards at 6:30pm in the Wilson High School auditorium
25TH- Karaoke at 10pm at Jean's Bar & Grill
28TH- Euchre Party at 7pm at the Wilson Conservation Club

DECEMBER

2ND- Wilson Golden Agers from 10-2 at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall
3RD- Computer classes from 2-5 and 5-8 at the Wilson Library (free)
3RD- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
3RD- Middle School Choral Concert at 7pm in High School auditorium
4TH- Computer classes from 10-1 and 1-4 at the Wilson Library (free)
5TH- Friends of the Library Cookie Sale from 9am-? at Lakeside IGA
6TH- Leadership Seminar from 9:30-noon at Exley Methodist Church
6TH- Adult Fellowship Christmas Party 5:30 at Exley Methodist Church
7TH- Holiday Band Concert/Quilt drawing 2pm at the Historical Society
7TH- A Very Country Christmas from 3-6pm throughout the Village
11TH- Middle School Band Concert at 7pm in the HS auditorium
12TH- Cares & Shares celebration at 2pm at Wilson Elementary School
13TH- Kids Christmas Party/Santa & Magician 1-3 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
14TH- Christmas Cantata 9:30am & 2:30pm at Exley Methodist Church
16TH- Wilson Golden Agers Christmas Party 10-2 at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
16TH- Winter Concert at 6:30pm at Wilson Elementary School
17TH- Community Potluck Supper at 5pm at Exley Methodist Church
17TH- Winter Concert at 6:30pm at Wilson Elementary School
18TH- High School Holiday Concert at 7pm in the HS auditorium
31ST- Family New Year's Eve Party from 7-9pm at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
31ST- Lil' Apple Ball Drop at 9pm & midnight at Wilson #1 Fire Hall
31ST- Lakeside Blues Band at 10pm at the Wilson House

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY-

Quilting from 9am-12noon at Exley Methodist Church
Preschool Story Hour from 1:30-2:30 at the Wilson Free Library
MS/HS Homework Club from 3:15-4:30 at the Wilson Free Library
Knit-wits from 7-8:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Grief Share at 7-8:30pm at Exley Methodist Church

TUESDAY-

Food Pantry open from 2-8pm at St. Brendan on the Lake Church
Free Wii Bowling at 7pm at Jean's Bar & Grill

WEDNESDAY-

Quilting for Missions from 9am-12noon at St. Paul's Church

THURSDAY-

Open Pool at Jean's Bar & Grill
MS/HS Homework Club from 3:15-4:30 at the Wilson Free Library
Adult Volleyball from 8-10pm in the High School gym